

The publisher of the Sikeston Herald must have had a bad night the night before he wrote the story casting reflections on the operation of the Sikeston branch of the International Shoe Factory, the superintendent and just about all creation. During all the years this branch factory has been in operation the factory has been closed down less time than any branch factory of this corporation. It is true that short hours have inconvenienced employees to some extent, but all have fared alike and at the end of the season with the winding up of orders it was necessary to string out the contracts until the close of the year. The shut-down for ten days was caused by workmen installing new dies to manufacture a new line of shoes for the coming season and not with the intent and purpose of punishing employees or causing criticism of the local management or the business management in St. Louis. Sikeston has been peculiarly fortunate in being favored with contracts over some other branch factories as we have been fairly free of union organizers and the merchants and citizens generally will try to keep this branch free of agitators at all times. Sikeston folks understand that a disordered liver makes one bilious and at such times might cause one to write or say things that could be taken seriously by those not familiar with conditions here, but goes by unnoticed at home, knowing the man.

This will be "30" for publication of The Standard for 1937. Tomorrow comes the New Year with all the happiness and sorrow in store for some of us. The best we can wish our readers, friends and acquaintance is Good Health, then the happiness is just what they make it. The year about to close finds the editor and wife enjoying good health and personally, we have enjoyed every day of the year. We have had little sickness and no deaths in our large family of children and grandchildren, for which we thank God. We have tried to live right, do right, and be of some service to the community and if we are spared during the coming year we shall endeavor to make friends with the children, feed the hungry and carry flowers to the sick.

The past week seemed to be one in which about every business institution in the city extended greetings to friends and acquaintances. The two Sikeston papers were liberally patronized that caused them to print thirty-six pages combined in order to carry the greetings. It required 276 columns or 5520 inches including reading matter to accommodate patrons. There was 3015 inches of paid advertising carried of which The Standard carried 2189 inches and Sikeston's second newspaper 826 inches. We trust this same ratio of advertising will continue throughout the new year.

"I can't come down," squawked the sweet young thing from the second floor, "I have no nothing." "O, slip on something and come down," pleaded the boy friend. So she slipped on the top step and came down.

According to Ripley, Hiemonymous, Roman phylologist, who had been married twenty times, married a woman who had been married twenty times. Guess in the cool of the evening they could phylosophise and swop reminiscences and experiences.

A Texas Armadillo was on display in the office of the Doniphan Prospect and died after a few hours in that office. It is hard to say if the cause was the company it was keeping or the smell of the printing office.

Gold Digger—"You certainly were drunk last night." Rich Sport—"Go on, tell me something I don't know." Gold Digger—"Sure, you married me last night."

We fail to see why the commotion about May West's skit of Adam and Eve. We didn't hear the broadcast but if she was dressed as Eve those who saw her certainly had no kick to make.

Robert W. Bender, an Alaska publisher was found dead in a bath tub at Phoenix, Arizona. Served him right. What business did a publisher have in a bath tub?

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## Steel Worker Fatally Hurt When Car Runs Into Truck

Leo G. Arnold, 50, steel worker of Des Moines, Ia., suffered fatal injuries at 3 a. m. Wednesday when the automobile in which he was riding crashed into a parked truck of Malden six miles north of the city on Highway 61.

Thad Campbell, driver of the truck, told the Highway Patrol he had halted along the concrete to investigate another truck, believed to belong to his father, that was in the ditch.

Through the heavy fog that covered the highway he noted the approaching automobile, driven by F. R. Townsley of Fontanelle, Ia., and attempted to signal it to stop. Townsley slammed on his brakes, his Pontiac sedan skidded and hit the truck sideways.

Arnold, one of three passengers in the automobile, was seated in the rear of the car on the right and was hurt when this part of the car was pushed in. He was brought to the Ansell Service Station at the Highway intersection in the Campbell truck and from there taken to the office of Dr. M. G. Anderson in the Dempster ambulance. He died two hours after the crash in the physician's office of a fractured skull and lacerations of the pleural cavity from fractured ribs, causing a hemorrhage.

No others were seriously hurt. Townsley received a gash on the forehead and a pulled ligament in his shoulder.

In the car with Arnold and Townsley were Ralph Buicker of Brock, Nebr., and Frank Knight of Woodward, Ia. All four men were steel workers. The previous evening they had been laid off after two weeks' work on an addition to the Firestone plant in Memphis. They were en route to their homes. For the past four years, Townsley said, the four had worked together in different cities at their trade.

Neither the car, which was towed to Limbaugh's garage, nor the truck was extensively damaged.

Arnold's body was taken to the Dempster Funeral Home to prepare it for shipment to Des Moines. Townsley said the dead man was survived by a widow and two grown children.

The Highway Patrol said Campbell's truck was headed south. The truck in the ditch, belonging to his father, was loaded with cotton seed. This vehicle, it was explained to the patrol, ran off the road and overturned when its lights went out and the driver was unable to see his way.

Campbell said he had started to turn his truck around on the highway beside the wrecked truck and saw the Pontiac coming. He tried to flag it, then jumped in the ditch when he saw it could not stop.

Campbell's truck is owned by Pat Sherwood of Malden.

## Large Boyce Store in Morley Destroyed by \$20,000 Blaze

The large, historic, two-story frame building of the P. H. Boyce Mercantile Co. of Morley was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning with a loss estimated at \$20,000.

Noted by several people of the town between 1 and 2 a. m., the fire had gained such headway that nothing could be saved from the structure, which was heavily stocked with spring merchandise in addition to its regular stock.

The loss was partially covered by insurance, according to Rex Boyce, who with his sister, Amy Boyce, operated the establishment.

When the blaze was discovered, it appeared to be at its height near the front of the building, downstairs, Mr. Boyce said. Breaking glass aroused many residents nearby. Within an hour the structure was completely gutted.

Mr. Boyce told the Standard he had no idea how the building caught on fire. One person told him three strange men were seen loitering near the store about 30 minutes before the conflagration was discovered. Possibility that the store was robbed and the fire set to cover up the crime was advanced.

Between \$13,000 and \$14,000 of

the loss was in stock, Mr. Boyce said. This included a considerable supply of furniture, canned goods, dry goods, the new spring stock and 10-foot meat case almost new. The upper story of the 100-by-60 foot building was used for storing goods.

The blaze scorched the large frame garage building of U. G. Ragins, located behind the store, and heat also damaged glass and woodwork at the front of the W. W. Ragins Drug Store across the street, located in the former bank building.

Destruction of the store was a distinct setback for Morley, Mr. Boyce said he was undecided about rebuilding.

Since the death of their father, P. H. Boyce, in 1930, Rex and Amy Boyce have had charge of the store. The elder Boyce had conducted a mercantile business in Morley since 1898.

Originally the building, erected by George Wilson around 1870, housed a hotel. About 40 years ago B. F. Earles purchased the hotel, built an addition to it and changed it to the B. F. Earles Mercantile Co. Mr. Boyce, who had a store of his own in Morley, purchased the building later from Earles and moved his stock to the building.

## Sugy Hayamaka Loses His First Bout on Local Mat

While Roy Welsh was manhandling "Ruff" Roy Reynolds in two straight falls, Sugy Hayamaka, the almost-invincible Japanese, took his first defeat on the local mat in a half-dozen starts here Wednesday night when Tony Popolino tossed him in the second and third falls of their fray at the armory.

The little Japanese looked almost unbeatable, although Fred-

die Williams tossed him at Caruthersville. Freddie lost in an engagement with Sugy here.

Sugy and the Italian put on a real rough-and-tumble the first round, each using the Irish whip, locks and body slams. Hayamaka came through in 13 minutes with a Japanese wing lock.

With five minutes gone in the second stanza, Popolino deserted his nationality long enough apply the Irish whip and pin Sugy. The Oriental tried the Jiu-Jitsu several times during this encounter.

It took 16 minutes for Tony to lay Sugy on a shelf for the deciding fall, again using the whip of the Emerald Isle. Sugy weighed 178 and Tony 172, so it was just a case of snapper wrestling by Tony.

As usual, Reynolds wanted to live up to his "Ruff" name and applied all the old dodges of eye-gouging, choking and the like. Welch stood it for eight minutes the first round and then heaved his opponent with a front crotch and body slam. The second fall was the same process. Reynolds managed to drag it out for 10 minutes, but the Canadian flash slammed him and pinned him to make it two straight falls.

It is possible to have good corn and small grain crops and an abundance of wildlife on the same land. Missouri could support five times as much game today as she possessed thirty years ago, and corn and grain is the reason.

## Needy Family of Dead Girl Finds Solution to Dilemma

A destitute family of Charter Oak, below Canalou, received some important news Monday through the Highway Patrol at Sikeston.

It was important, although it concerned a girl in the family, 12-year-old Jewell Jamieson, who died last week in St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis.

Two days before Christmas the local patrol station received a message from St. Louis. The Jamieson girl had died in the hospital of measles. She also had been suffering from tuberculosis. The patrol was asked to deliver the message to the father in Charter Oak.

Impossible roads made it impossible for a patrolman to enter Charter Oak in an automobile. However, a constable in the vicinity was notified and he managed to get into the village on a train from the Frisco branch line into Charter Oak.

The father said he was unable to pay for funeral arrangements, or even to have the body shipped home. So he went before a notary

public and signed the necessary documents authorizing the body to be disposed of in a nameless grave in St. Louis. The father is unemployed. The mother died six months ago of tuberculosis. It was a bleak Christmas indeed for the family, which has three other children, the youngest of which was 5 years old. The two youngest are ill with whooping cough.

The Highway Patrol here forwarded the burial permit to St. Louis. Then came the important word. Capt. Thomas Leigh of the Kirkwood headquarters notified Sgt. R. R. Reed of the Sikeston office Monday that a Catholic charitable agency had paid for the embalming of the child and would provide transportation of the body to the home. The remains were due to be shipped Monday evening. The agency also inquired of other children in the family and said it would send them clothes.

So the Jamieson family had its Christmas gloom lifted somewhat, for Jewell, who died Thursday, was coming home.

## Several Injured in Series of Wrecks Over Yule Week-end

Several persons were injured, none critically, in a series of Christmas week-end automobile accidents in this city and vicinity.

In a crash at 7 o'clock Sunday night at the intersection of Highways 60 and 61, Mildred Stophor of Charleston suffered a fractured right shoulder, a large gash on the right temple and other cuts when the automobile in which she was riding was struck on the side and turned completely over. She was treated by Dr. T. C. McClure.

Bobby Zumwalt, Jr. of Charleston, driver of the Ford coach in which Miss Stophor was a passenger, told the Highway Patrol that while headed east on Highway 60 he stopped for the north-south highway behind a truck. The truck turned right, he said, obscuring his view of a north-bound Buick sedan driven by J. W. Clegg of St. Louis.

As young Zumwalt continued across the highway his car was struck in the side by the Buick. Zumwalt and two other occupants, Reba Green and Joseph L. Ed-

wards of Charleston received only scratches and a shaking up as the body and fenders of their machine were badly damaged. C. L. Burringer of St. Louis, riding with Clegg, suffered a severe scalp laceration.

An International truck with a large trailer filled with stock, driven by Cecil Clark, 30, of Pig-gott, Ark., rammed into the rear end of an Essex coach of Carson Spence, 32, of Detroit, Mich., as both were headed east on Highway 60 one mile west of Sikeston late Sunday night.

The truck and trailer overturned beside the road and the Essex crossed a ditch, plowed through a fence and came to a stop in a cornfield. The chief casualty in this mishap was 30 head of hogs, part of the truck's load, which were killed. Other hogs and some cattle were liberated and were running loose about the scene.

Willie Ellen Spence, 9, was the only person hurt, receiving cuts and bruises. Others in the Spence (Continued on Page 5)

## Masons and Eastern Stars Holding Joint Installation

Sikeston Masons and Eastern Stars will hold joint installations Thursday, December 30, at the I. O. O. F. Hall.

A record attendance is expected at this meeting. It is reported that many lodges of the 50th Masonic District will be represented. There will also be representatives from the 49th and 51st Districts.

Besides the installation of officers there will be several special numbers. Music will be furnished by Paul Slinkard's orchestra. Refreshments and social after meeting.

Most Worshipful Brother Geo. W. Walker, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, will be the installing officer for the Masons, assisted by Worshipful Brother W. L. Hutters, Installing Marshall, and The Rev. John L. Taylor, Chaplain.

Mrs. Gladys Williamson, District Deputy Grand Matron, will be installing officer for the Eastern Stars, assisted by Mrs. Eva Mow, Past Matron, Installing Marshall; Mrs. Katie Cook, Past Grand Chaplain, Chaplain, and Mrs. Nellie Mount, Past Matron, organist.

## Green Greer, Noted Church and Business Man, Passes

Sikeston lost one of its most substantial and widely known citizens in the death Sunday morning of Green B. Greer, 273 North Ranney Street, who succumbed of a heart ailment at St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Ill merely from the previous Thursday evening, Mr. Greer died unexpectedly. When he was taken to the hospital Friday afternoon his condition was not considered serious. He passed away at 6:15 o'clock Sunday morning. Prior to the final illness, he enjoyed active health, although a year ago he suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Greer was 75 years old. Few men in this section have had as wide a career as his in business, civic and church affairs.

Mr. Greer was born April 15, 1862, at the farm of his father, Judge Calvin Greer, two miles north of Sikeston. He was reared at this farm and attended school in Sikeston. For two years, after he was 16, he attended the local Caledonia, Mo., Methodist College.

Following the college work, he enrolled at the Bryant & Stratton Business College at St. Louis,

taking a course in telegraphy. He then secured a position with the Missouri Pacific Railroad as telegrapher, working first at Ash Hill, Mo., and afterward at Clarendon, Ark., and Brinkley, Ark.

Mr. Greer had worked for the railroad for about three years when he left the service and returned to Sikeston to join the firm of his brother-in-law, C. D. Matthews, Sr., who with A. J. Matthews operated a mercantile business at Front and New Madrid streets where the Sterling Store now stands.

After about three more years, Mr. Greer and another brother-in-law, Frank Sikes, formed the mercantile firm Sikes, Greer & Co., which operated under this name for a number of years until Mr. Greer sold his interest to Joe Winchester. While the general store was operating with him as a partner, Mr. Greer joined with John D. Ebert to organize the Greer-Ebert Grain Co.

In the grain business Mr. Greer became convinced that Sikeston needed a flour mill. Consequently, he was instrumental in having built the plant that is now known as Mill "B" of the Scott County (Continued on Page 5)

## Board of Public Works Decides to Sponsor Building of WPA Armory

They're going to build the armory.

The Board of Public Works at a special meeting with the City Council in the City Hall Wednesday night gave the signal to go ahead with the \$53,000 building, which will be located in the Chamber of Commerce Park on Highway 61.

Within 10 days the WPA, which is furnishing the labor and most of the funds, can begin laying out the foundation, it is believed. Work can start as soon as the grounds title is transferred to the government from the city, which owns the park and is furnishing the site.

Of the \$53,000 cost, the federal government is furnishing \$37,000 and the sponsor's share is \$21,000. However, the state, out of a \$100,-

000 fund which it set aside last year to encourage the building of armories, will contribute at least \$5000 so that Sikeston's share at the most will be \$16,000.

J. L. Suterfield, architect, believes the structure can be completed by July.

The approval of the Council and Board of Public Works means that Sikeston for the first time will have a community hall, a place to accommodate conventions and other gatherings, a suitable place for dances and modern quarters for the local National Guard unit.

A few minor details in the plans, approved more than two months ago by WPA headquarters in Washington, must be ironed out, but these matters are slight. The brick and tile structure will

have a spacious drill hall, banquet hall, kitchen, offices, a stage at one side of the drill hall, supply room and garage on the ground floor; rifle range, showers, toilets and furnace room in a partial basement; a club room for enlisted men on the east wing upstairs and an American Legion club room and office for Major Harry E. Dudley on the opposite side upstairs. There will not be any floor above the drill hall or banquet hall on the main floor.

Mr. Suterfield said the building would require approximately 76,000 brick and 30,000 tile.

Material for the building will be furnished the city on credit up to two years, it is understood, and the Board of Public Works will make payments on the sponsor's contribution at times when it is able.

C. L. Blanton, Jr., of the Farmington WPA office, and Major Dudley, met with the two city bodies.

## Modern Rural Home Falls Prey to Flames Tuesday

Fire which broke out Tuesday afternoon while the occupants were away reduced the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dumey, four miles northeast of the city, to a heap of ashes.

The house, with six rooms and a bath, was thoroughly modern with many conveniences, having an asbestos roof, good woodwork, and a basement with a Delco electric lighting and water system machinery, and a furnace. Nothing was saved but a shotgun from the back porch.

Arthur Elder, negro tenant living nearby, first noticed the burning house as he was crossing a field. He and two other negroes ran for the building, out of which smoke was pouring, but no flames were then seen. Dense smoke pre-

vented them from entering the front and rear doors.

Flames first burst out at a rear corner of the house, and within a short time the structure was totally destroyed. Neighbors forming a bucket brigade saved a coal and feed shed nearby, and also a barn a short distance away.

The fire appeared to have originated in a wall over the basement. There was no fire in the kitchen stove when Mr. Dumey left earlier in the afternoon to drive to Sikeston, so it is thought the blaze may have started from electric wiring. Mrs. Dumey was at a friend's near Miner Switch at the time.

The loss was partially covered by insurance. When built several years ago the building cost around \$4,000.

## Hotel Guest Found Beside Unfired Pistol; Dies Later

Authorities here were confronted with a puzzling investigation Tuesday morning when Jeremiah T. Griffith of Palestine, Ill., was found unconscious on a bed in his room at the Marshall Hotel, while clutching in his hand was a revolver that was not fired.

Griffith, a traveling man, was lying across the bed with the gun pointed toward his head when a maid opened the door to clean the room. He pulled a pillow over his head and the frightened maid notified hotel officials who called the Highway Patrol.

Officers found Griffith unconscious and the gun fully loaded. The man was examined by Dr. T. C. McClure, who said he may

have been suffering from a stroke or from poison. The man was taken to Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau in the Welsh ambulance, and was still unconscious Tuesday afternoon.

Griffith, around 65 years old, registered the night previously at the hotel. He was found to have an ample supply of money and was said to have a good bank account. His gun was a .32 Smith & Wesson.

Mr. Griffith, 66 years old, died at the hospital Tuesday night of what was diagnosed as paralysis. The body was taken to Palestine, which lies near the Indiana line about midway between Terre Haute and Vincennes. He lived with a sister at Palestine.

## Interior of Highway Cafe Badly Damaged by Flames

Believed to have started from an electric coffee maker, an early morning fire Tuesday swept through the entire interior of the I. C. Long cafe on Highway 61 across from the Highway Department.

Although the fire department responded to the call at a speed that Mr. Long commented on the flames had gained such headway that practically everything in the cafe section and kitchen, from the floors to the ceiling, was charred.

Bus Matthews, attendant at the Conoco service station next door south, discovered the fire around 1:30 a. m. Due to dense fog, smoke from the blaze was not noticeable at first. He notified the fire department and aroused Mr. Long, who lives behind the cafe.

While the cafe portion was burning, Mr. Long and others carried out oil containers from an adjoining oil room. The blaze did not reach this room however. Damage to stock and fixtures which he owned was estimated at \$1200 by Mr. Long. The stock was not, he said.

J. F. Cox, owner of the building, placed his loss at \$800, which was insured.

Damaged beyond repair were the counter and cushioned seats beside it, cash register, Frigidaire beverage cooler, tables and chairs for customers, and an expensive coil phonograph machine belonging to Jim Littleton of this city.

The Simpson Oil Co. has the building leased from the Home Oil Co. Mr. Cox said he would rebuild the place in the near future.

Small fires were also reported the past week at the Simmons home on North Ranney, early Sunday; the Ray Morris residence, 318 Kendall, Sunday, and at Jack Hart's on North Street Friday.

## BURNED IN FIRE, RECUPERATE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Hummel and daughter, Harriet, left here Thursday morning for St. Louis after recuperating at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allen from burns received Christmas morning when their home in New Madrid was destroyed by fire.

The three members of the family were aroused at 6 a. m. to find the house in flames and escaped only by jumping from an upstairs window. Their eyes were inflamed and bronchial tubes affected by the heat and smoke, but they had recovered satisfactorily when they departed from St. Louis.

Loss to the modern 8-room house was placed at \$6000. Very little furniture and clothing were saved. The Hummels operate a drug store at New Madrid. They are cousins of the Allen family. They were treated by Dr. W. M. Jackson of New Madrid and Dr. T. C. McClure of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Garner and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brooks of Bartlesville, Okla., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Martin and George Lough, Christmas Evening.

## NAMED CHAIRMAN OF BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

S. B. Hardwick of Bertrand has been named one of the Mississippi County chairman to plan for a Birthday Ball for the President in connection with the Infantile Paralysis Foundation. Entertainment will be held throughout the state on Jan. 29. It is not likely that Sikeston will have a dance.

Sweet young thing: "I'd like to get some covering for my settie." Floorman: Third floor center, miss for the lingerie.

## OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Reeve Smith was hostess at a dinner, given in her home on Trotter Street, Wednesday, in honor of her birth anniversary. Covers were laid for Mrs. Warner Phillips of Caruthersville, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and family of Escalola, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Ward and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Walkman and Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Mayfield.

## Vester Lipe Becomes Partner in The Bijou

George Lee has sold his half-interest in the Bijou to Vester Lipe, an employee of the firm. The confectionery will now be operated by Lipe and C. E. Felker. The transfer took place Monday.

Lipe has been connected with the Bijou for 25 years and has been a partner for 15 years. He has made many friends owing to his courteous treatment of patrons. He has no plans for the immediate future, but will enter another line of business in Sikeston early in the spring.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CHARLES E. BRATTON SAT.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 25, from the Presbyterian church for Charles E. Bratton, who died at his home on Kathleen Avenue Thursday night, December 23, of a paralytic stroke. The Rev. D. D. Ellis, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. E. M. Milner, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery with Dempsters service.

Mr. Bratton was born in Caledonia, Ill., December 27, 1874. In 1915 he moved with his family to Sikeston where he had an interest in the Rigdon Laundry, in which line of business he was engaged for eighteen years. He was employed with the local International shoe factory for three years—from 1931 to 1934. On account of ill health he was forced to give up his work, and a little later suffered his first paralytic stroke.

Up to the time of his illness he was an active member of the Sikeston Presbyterian church, serving on the Board of Elders for several years.

Surviving are his widow; five children, W. W. Bratton of Jefferson City, Mrs. Floyd Ralph of Clayton, Mo., Mrs. Jack Watson, Ward and Pauline Bratton of Sikeston; three sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Scott of Sikeston, Mrs. Dolph Moseley and Mrs. Grace Lybarger of Morehouse; and one brother, Otto, also of Morehouse.

## PUBLISHER TO 'OPEN HOUSE' OF GOVERNOR

Col. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr., received an invitation by mail Tuesday to be in the reception line of Gov. and Mrs. Lloyd Stark in the "open house" at the governor's mansion on January 1, New Year's Day.

Col. Blanton, in dress uniform, with his wife will help welcome guests from 3 to 6 p. m., according to the invitation, received from Adjutant General Lewis M. Means.

The Sikeston publisher and his wife will leave here Friday noon and return home Sunday by way of Paris, Mo.

# SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

MEMBER  
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The editor would not undertake to say how much business the average firm in Jackson is doing this holiday season as compared with former years, but we know continual complaining on the streets by the owners does not help matters. You can form a conspiracy among friends of a certain individual to continually inform him upon meeting him on the street that he looks bad and must not be well, until you can ascertain the effects of a concerted attack on his health. He will begin to worry through the assumption that something must be wrong with him, else all his friends would not be of the same opinion. So it is with local trade. If all business men join in a chorus of singing the blues, the average customer will become convinced that he had better stay close to shore and spend only for the very necessities of life in order to prepare to pull through a coming business depression.—Jackson Cash-Book.

We are sorry to see our old friend Tom Scott fail to be reappointed deputy warden of the State Penitentiary, although he was not an applicant for reappointment. We are glad, however, he is returning to Southeast Missouri to make his home. He has made a fine official and was largely in charge of the discipline of the institution, which has been of a high order.—Jackson Cash-Book.

The silliest thing we have heard of being agitated by congressmen is the proposed constitutional amendment requiring a national election before the United States could go to war. Of course there is the popular side of the question in which we argue that if it were not for the munitions makers and others who profit by war, we would never be dragged into an armed conflict. How about China? What happened to Ethiopia? War was never declared upon either. A national election could hardly be held under a month. In that time a lot could happen. We feel a bit ashamed of the attempts at heroics by cer-

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## THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE



tain of our World War veterans who are now leading the hurrah for peace at any price. None of them ever call upon the band to play "I Didn't Raise My Boy to be a Soldier." They remember that song, too. We don't want any war either. But we were raised with a bit of patriotism, even though our grandfather wore a gray uniform during the early sixties. We want our nation respected, not necessarily feared. So far, we haven't heard of the Japs blowing up any Italian, Russian or German ships "by mistake."—Shelbina Democrat.

Tuesday afternoon Road Overseer C. W. Knox and his men noticed a man lying on the ground close to the pavement of No. 25, north of Jackson and as the man was unconscious and could not be aroused, they brought him to the office of doctors here who worked with him quite awhile, using various tests to discover if possible the nature of the coma. The man was "stiff as a poker." After fifteen minutes he opened his eyes and had full control of his limbs and muscles. The man gave his name as Gray, residing at Charleston, and stated he was a war veteran and suffered an injury to a spinal nerve, which results in similar attacks about once a month. He was on his way to the CCC camp at Perryville where he wanted to visit, and was forwarded there.—Jackson Post.

Heavy mails at the Chillicothe Business College indicate the largest Mid-Winter Opening, January 3rd, the college has ever had. New classes start Monday but students may enter these classes as late as January 10th.

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## MISSOURI HISTORY

Courtesy Missouri Historical Society

### Louis St. Ange de Bellerive

Among the pioneer French officials in the history of the Mississippi valley few are more deserving of esteem and none were more beloved than Louis St. Ange de Bellerive. Born in Montreal, Canada, of noble parentage, he was sent to the Illinois country in his youth, rose to the rank of captain in the French army, and was the commanding officer at old Fort Vincennes for over a quarter of a century. In the name of the King of France he transferred the command of Fort Chartres to the British in 1765. He was the last French official in the Illinois country, the first commandant of St. Louis, and the first governor of Upper Louisiana, having served as acting-governor until the arrival of the Spanish governor, Don Pedro Piaras, in 1770. He was greatly beloved by the French colonists and the Indians, among whom was Pontiac, one of the most renowned of Indian chieftains.

St. Ange began his conspicuous career in Missouri and Illinois in 1724, when he went westward with an expedition for the purpose of making an alliance with the Padoucas. After the successful accomplishment of this task he returned to Fort Orleans on the Missouri river, located in the present Carroll county near the mouth of Grand river. In 1736, he was raised to the rank of captain in the French army and placed in command of Fort Vincennes, in what is now Indiana.

Remaining at this post for twenty-eight years he so gained the love and respect of the French settlers and Indians that they often called the fort St. Ange in his honor; from the latter term, apparently, came the name Ange Gardien, given to the mission. He took part in the French campaign to keep the English out of the Ohio valley and in 1763, when the treaty of Paris ended the conflict, St. Ange remained with one captain, two lieutenants, and a small body of soldiers in charge of Fort Chartres, located just above the present site of Sainte Genevieve, until the arrival of the British troops. On October 10, 1765, St. Ange, in the name of the King of France, delivered to Captain Stirling, the accredited commissioner of his Britannic majesty, the final possession of the Illinois country. Soon after the act of transfer he withdrew his command to St. Louis. It is said in some accounts that, after the death of Captain Eterling in December 1765, St. Ange returned at the request of the inhabitants and acted as temporary governor until the arrival of Major Frazer.

While the jurisdiction of St. Ange over the territory east of the Mississippi came to a close with the arrival of British troops, it continued over the region west of the river. Although this territory had been ceded to Spain by the secret treaty of Fontainebleau, December 3, 1762, formal transfer had not been made. St.

Ange was a popular ruler and the fact that he possessed extensive power is indicated by extant documents that record the sentencing to death of Michael Degoust and by an ordinance in 1768 prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to Indians. When Captain Don Francisco Rul, the Spanish officer sent to take possession of Upper Louisiana, arrived in St. Louis, August 11, 1768, he went through the formality of taking military possession, but during his stay and until the arrival of Captain Don Pedro Piaras on May 20, 1770, St. Ange remained in control.

The influence of St. Ange among the French and Indians is indicated by the care with which Spanish officials cultivated his friendship. Governor Don Alexander O'Reilly in issuing instructions from New Orleans to the newly appointed lieutenant-governor, Francisco Cruzat, in St. Louis recommended that he preserve the best possible relations with St. Ange, whose practical knowledge of Indians would be very valuable, and insisted that Cruzat, "shall do whatever he can to gain his friendship and confidence, shall listen to his opinion attentively on all matters, and shall condescend to him so far as possible without prejudice to the service." The Spanish recognized the trading permits he had issued, and placed him in command of Fort el Principe, the Spanish fort at St. Louis located on the south bank of the Missouri river.

St. Ange, after spending almost half a century in the military service of France and Spain, died in St. Louis, December 27, 1774, at the home of Madame Marie Therese Chouteau. He was never married and willed his property to the children of De Villiers. In his death the French and Indians lost a valuable friend and the Spanish government an able Indian agent.

Eight faculty members of the Chillicothe Business College were in attendance this week at the annual convention of the National Commercial Teachers Federation in Chicago.

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## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowman and son Fred Jr. of Chicago visited from Thursday until Sunday with Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Simler.

Mrs. Mary Griffith, Miss Amy Allen and Mort Griffith spent Christmas Day in Poplar Bluff with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Sam Brady and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber Edmondson of Paragould, Ark., were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. C. H. Yanson and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Harris and daughter, Miss Lydia and Audrey Chaney and Margaret Harris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Beckman in Cape Girardeau, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graber and family and Mrs. J. Goldstein spent Christmas in St. Louis with relatives.

Miss Nadine Sellards of St. Louis and Miss Maxine Sellards of Crystal City spent Christmas and the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sellards.

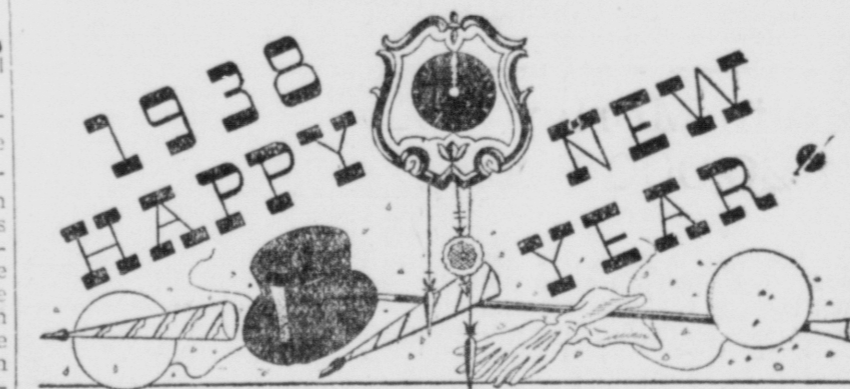
Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Malone of Baltimore, Md., arrived Sunday night to spend two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ausmus and sons, Gene and James Tipton, of Centralia, Mo., arrived Sunday to spend several days with Mrs. Ausmus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Beck.

Miss Alice Darneal of Richmond, Mo., was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. John T. Sikes, from Monday until Wednesday.

Miss Elma Ruth Cole of Kansas City is the guest of Mrs. O. T. Elder at her home on North Ranney.

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## GREETINGS

It is with sincere pleasure that we want to thank everyone, especially our friends and customers for the loyal patronage given us in the past, and assure you that we will continue to make every effort through Quality, Service and Courtesy to hold that patronage in the future. May the best of health and success be yours during 1938 and the following years.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT D. MOW.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

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## LEGALS

### Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of William A. King, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator, at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be held at Benton in said county, on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1938.

Forrest Lackey.

29-31-33

### Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Thomas Griggs, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be held at Benton in said county, on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1938.

Lynear Carter.

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### Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Executrix of the estate of J. M. Fisher, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Executrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be held at Benton in said county, on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1938.

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Ora Belle Fisher.

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160 acres, all in cultivation, 3 miles of town on improved road.

Possession in January

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WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR

See the New 1938 "CHEVROLET"

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## Morehouse News

Crowell and wife of Gid-  
o., spent Christmas with  
Crowell's parents, Mr. and  
Frank Starks.

K. Neal and family accom-  
panied by their son Milton Neal  
left Tuesday for several  
days visit with relatives and  
at Mayfield, and other  
places in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin McDonald  
dinner guests of Mrs. Mc-  
Donalds brother Denver Latham  
at Christmas Day.

M. Bienert and family were  
visitors of his mother Mrs. Eliza-  
Bienert in Chaffee, Mo.,  
Friday.

Albert Yansey and wife were  
guests of his uncle  
old Ford and family in Can-

Shelby who has been vis-  
iting his children in Flint, Mich.,  
accompanied home Thurs-  
day by his son Emmerson Shelby.

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Sikeston, Missouri

Everything for Your Comfort

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LAST SHOWING

THURSDAY, DEC. 30—

## "True Confession"

With Carol Lombard and

Fred McMurray.

Comedy and Short.

FRIDAY, DEC. 31—

## "Navy Blue and Gold"

With Lionel Barrymore

and Robt. Young.

News and Comedy.

## Pal Night

2 adults admitted for the

price of 1. All children 10c.

SATURDAY, JAN. 1—

## "45 Fathers"

With Jane Withers.

Comedy and Serial.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY,

JAN. 2 AND 3—

## "52d Street"

With Ian Hunter and Pat

Patterson.

News and Comedy.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4—

## "It's Love I'm After"

With Leslie Howard and

Bette Davis.

Comedy and Short.

## Pal Night

2 admitted for price of 1

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LAST SHOWING

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

DEC. 30 and 31—

## DOUBLE FEATURE

## "She Loved a Fireman"

With Dick Foran and Ann

Sheridan.

## "All-American Sweetheart"

With Scott Colton and

Patricia Farr.

SATURDAY, JAN. 1—

## "Valley of Terror"

With Kermit Maynard.

Saturday is the last show-

ing in the Rex Theatre of

Films this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryant living  
near town report an 8½ lb baby  
girl born to them Friday, Dec. 24.  
Mrs. Mary Meyers and children  
of Matthews were Sunday guests  
of her brother Homer Bryant and  
family.

There was no preaching serv-  
ices at the Church of the Nazarene  
here Sunday or Sunday evening  
owing to the fact Rev. Harold  
Ray is visiting his parents in  
Tulsa, Okla., but there will be  
regular services next Sunday.

Ralph Johnson is spending the  
Holiday's with his father, Arthur  
Johnson in Charleston, Mo.  
Rev. W. T. Thurmond and wife,  
Mrs. L. O. Vick, James T. Mc-  
Colgan and J. T. Thurman at-  
tended 2 o'clock church services  
in Sikeston Sunday afternoon.

The Christmas programs at all  
the churches were well rendered  
and largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Wafford  
spent Sunday with his brother,  
Charlie Wafford and family in  
Jackson, Mo.

Vernon Hale who in the CCC  
Camp at Indian Trail Park,  
Salem, Mo., is spending the Holi-  
days with his parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Frank Hale.

Wm. Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs.  
Evert Ray and Miss Catherine  
Clark living near Morehouse were  
married Tuesday night, Dec. 21  
by Rev. Wm. Griffin at his home  
in this city.

Harry Hayley and family of  
Burlington, Colo., are visiting the  
formers son Cecil Hayley and  
family.

Mrs. Lena Feldt of St. Louis is  
visiting her sister, Mrs. Clarence  
Adams and family over the Holi-  
days.

Dr. Anderson and wife, and  
Elder Ernest Fink and wife and  
daughter Elaine were guests of  
Dr. C. H. Pease and wife to six  
o'clock dinner Saturday evening.

Mrs. Thelma Moccabee of Hous-  
ton, Texas and her sister Mrs.  
Huley Williams and her father,  
Charley Sherrard, and her brother-  
in-law Dan Moccabee visited  
the formers uncle John and Joe  
Boswell and families from Satur-  
day afternoon until late in the  
evening Saturday, Mrs. Moccabee  
left for her home in Houston  
Monday.

It was a happy meeting Christ-  
mas Eve when Claude Proctor  
and wife and daughter, Miss Fay,  
and son Woodrow arrived at the  
home of his brother W. H. Proctor  
who is 70 years old in Beebe,  
Ark., their first meeting in 23  
years.

HORACE MILLER PASSES  
AWAY NEAR BLODGETT

Horace William Miller, son of  
Clarence A. and Ozark J. Miller,  
was born at Flat River April 7,  
1901, and died at his home near  
Blodgett Sunday, Dec. 20, 1937.  
Three years ago he suffered a  
stroke and a second last week  
was the cause of his death.

Mr. Miller was not married. He  
attended a school near Marquand,  
where the family resided and in  
1919 they moved to the Morley  
and later in the Blodgett vicini-  
ties.

In 1921 while trying to place a  
stick under a window, which he  
was raising, the stick slipped and  
punctured one eye, causing blind-  
ness. Later the other eye became  
affected and he lost the sight  
thereof.

Four sisters and seven brothers  
survive, together with the par-  
ents. These are Mrs. Clinton Mc-  
Carter of Beeville; Miss Lena,  
who works in the office of Col-

lector C. E. Felker, Misses Edith  
and Alma, at home; James Miller,  
a teacher at Gideon; John Miller,  
of the faculty at Murray, Ky.;  
Lester Miller of Benton; Oscar  
Miller of Blodgett, Charles and  
Lum Miller, at home; and Leon  
Miller of St. Louis.

Funeral services were held  
Tuesday afternoon at the Liberty  
Methodist church, Marquand, by  
the pastor, Rev. Ray Tallent, and  
burial was in the cemetery there.  
—Scott County Democrat.

Christy—What sort of a chap is  
Jack?

Mary—Well, he was over to see  
me last night and when the  
lights went out he spent the rest  
of the evening trying to repair  
them.

## AROUND THE STATE

Jefferson City, Dec. 25.—Tom  
Shockley, Pulaski county legisla-  
tor, has a method for cutting  
"chislers" from the old age pension  
rolls.

He would remove all restric-  
tions and eligibility rules, except  
age. Any person 70 years old  
could receive a pension, according  
to his plan, provided that person  
execute a lien in favor of the  
state on his property to be exe-  
cuted at the death of the pension-  
er in the amount of pension  
money received from the state in  
his old age.

Thus, there would be no incen-  
tive for children to shift the re-  
sponsibility for the care of aged  
parents to the state, and there  
would be no object, on the part  
of propertied persons, themselves  
to go on the pension rolls, except  
in cases where their holdings  
were not liquid.

The state would thus obtain a  
refund on much of the money  
paid out in pensions. As it now is,  
Shockley asserts, children may  
shift responsibility for their par-  
ents to the state and still receive  
the full benefit of property held  
by the parents.

Shockley was the leader of the  
group in the house which sought  
to continue local control of pen-  
sion eligibility and keep "old  
maids with hair on their chins"  
from selecting eligibles in Pulaski  
county.

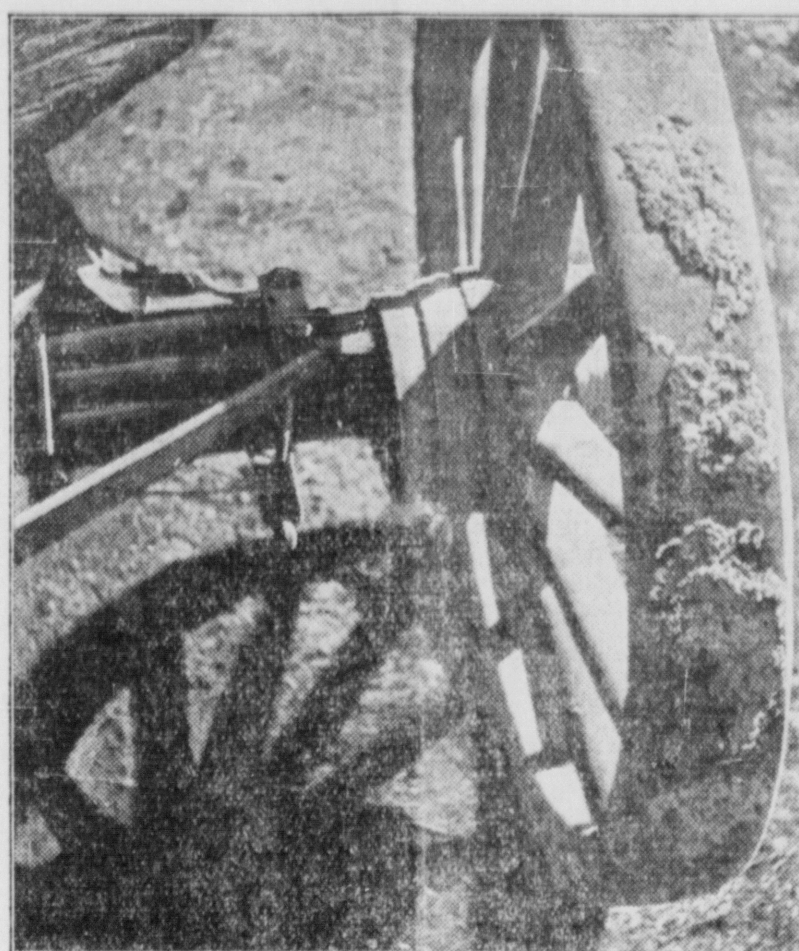
He protests criticism of the leg-  
islature concerning the old age  
pension law.

"We were politely told," Shock-  
ley said, "by the regional director  
of the federal social security  
board that unless we passed the  
bill as he said, he would not ap-  
prove the law and we would lose  
16½ million dollars of federal aid.  
The boys were scared stiff and  
gave up in despair and passed this  
present social workers' bill. It was  
purely bribery of the legislature  
by the social security board  
through their representative.

"We will always have 'chislers'  
on the pension rolls just so long  
as they are being investigated by  
total strangers in most places and  
by some young lady that has not  
yet reached the age of sound  
judgment and experience. We  
need some good man in every  
county in this state who is actually  
acquainted with the people and  
one with enough backbone to say  
'no' when 'no' should be said."

Shockley said if all eligibility  
restrictions were removed and  
liens taken on property to pro-  
tect the state pension funds, 1  
million dollars every two years  
could be saved in salaries of in-  
vestigators alone.

"If the social workers' lobby  
and the federal social security

The SNAPSHOT GUILD  
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

"I resolve, by the magic of lighting, selection, and arrangement, to find  
the pictures hidden in common things."

LONG tradition demands that  
everyone resolve, at the begin-  
ning of a new year, to turn over  
a new leaf, perhaps several new  
leaves. If this is a good idea for or-  
dinary people, it is a still better idea  
for us as photographers. Even the  
best of us make mistakes that we  
could avoid if we would only take a  
firm stand—and nothing can help so  
much as to work out a code and then  
stick to it.

Here, then, is a set of New Year's  
Resolutions for Snapshot Guild  
members. Check them over and see  
which ones apply to you. Add any  
others you think of. Then paste the  
whole list in your photographic note-  
book and abide by it in the twelve-  
month ahead:

## This year I resolve—

1. To think always before I shoot.
2. To remember that a camera  
has no brain of its own, only an  
eye, and will only take pictures  
of the scenes and subjects I  
put in front of it.
3. To bear in mind that my pic-  
tures to be good must be in-  
teresting to other people as  
well as myself and that to be

board will stay out of Jefferson  
City next session," Shockley said,  
"the legislature will pass a law  
that will end all this controversy  
about old age assistance for all  
time."—K. C. Post.

## Oran News

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dunn are  
spending the holidays in Houston,  
Texas at the Leslie Center home.  
They were accompanied by their  
daughter Mrs. Glen Hill of Sik-  
eston.  
C. W. Praul and Jerome West-

rich were business visitors in  
Cape Girardeau Thursday night  
of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith and  
children, Dale Smith and Mr.  
and Mrs. Thurman Beams and  
children came down from St.  
Louis to spend Christmas with  
home folks here and at Blodgett.

Dr. and Mrs. Cline were guests  
of relatives in Cape Girardeau  
Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Sikes and  
children spent Christmas with  
relatives in Ste. Genevieve.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlie Carter and  
daughters of Deering and Mrs.  
Chas. Day and mother Mrs. Lutes  
were Christmas dinner guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carter. Mr.  
and Mrs. Claude Day of Deering  
who had been visiting at the Day  
home left Christmas morning for  
Salem to visit Mrs. Day's par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Beardslee.

Mrs. Walter Crafton was inter-  
viewing Santa Claus in Cape Gir-  
ardeau Thursday of last week.

Sam Bowman of the Scott  
County Milling Co. was in Cape  
Girardeau one day last week and  
purchased a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlie Carter and  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carter had  
business in Cape Girardeau last  
Thursday.

Mrs. Geraldine Zimmerman and  
friend of Cape Girardeau ate  
Christmas dinner with home  
folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cum-  
mins and daughters of Sikeston  
were Sunday afternoon callers at  
the W. W. Smith home.

Walter Perdue of St. Louis was  
here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stehr  
spent Christmas with Mrs. Stehr's  
parents in Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Praul and Mr.  
and Mrs. Geo. Praul and daugh-  
ter of Sikeston were here a short  
time Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Mercer is caring for  
Mrs. Howard who is recovering  
from her recent surgical opera-  
tion.

Mrs. F. S. Bice who was a pa-  
tient in a Cape Girardeau hospital  
several days was dismissed Mon-  
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Timmons and  
children of Charleston were  
Christmas guests of Mrs. Tim-  
mons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam  
Tindal.

Mrs. Emie Bess has been quite  
sick the past week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Isbell and  
small son attended church serv-  
ices at the Methodist church Sun-  
day morning and also visited at  
the Asa Ventres home. Rev. Isbell  
was a former pastor here and is  
now in the Mission Conference  
and stationed near St. Louis.

They are spending the holidays  
with Mrs. Isbell's parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Zimmerman near Delta.

A sneak thief entered the gar-  
age at the home of Miss Clara  
Heisserer one night last week and  
stole their tires from her V-8. A  
few night previous the gasoline  
tank on the car belonging to  
Seibert Smith was drained. A  
prowler also was noticed around  
another home. Too bad for the  
party if he happens to be caught.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Praul spent  
the week end with home folks in  
Chaffee.

Levi Hendricks and family of  
Blodgett spent Sunday at the Ed  
Graniett and Rollins homes.

Miss Jettie Ates of Cape Gir-  
ardeau came down Sunday to  
spend a few days with her father,  
Marion Ates, who is quite ill.

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Benton, Mo.

Harris D. Rodgers,

Manager

Miss Veda Wedding of Sikeston  
is spending the holidays with her  
parents.

Murray Myers is home from St.  
Louis for the holidays.

Miss Elvina Metz came up  
from Sikeston to spend Christmas  
with her parents.

Miss Tillman who operates one  
of the beauty parlors went to

Caruthersville Friday night to  
spend Christmas with home  
folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Van  
Lear of Farmington spent Christ-  
mas with the latter's mother, Mrs.  
Howard.

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Start the children back to school on a pair of Interna-  
tional All-Leather Shoes.NORTON  
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## If Time Could Pause In Flight

would the joys of mankind be increased? Probably not  
... for anticipation is everything in life to those of us on  
earth. What will happen tomorrow ... next week ...  
next month? These are the questions we unconsciously  
ask ourselves every minute of our lives. Now that the  
New Year is upon us, we wonder anxiously what 1938  
will bring. No one can say; but we can all hope and  
work to make it happy. And Buckner-Ragsdale takes  
this opportunity to extend sincere hopes for your hap-  
piness in the coming year, and to assure you that they  
will do all in their power to cooperate with you to make  
1938 the best and happiest year ever. So here's, in  
chorus, a "Happy New Year" to the people of this entire  
section.

THE BUCKNER-  
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## COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON



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DURING 1938Many thanks for the large volume of  
business you have favored us with  
During the past year.

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Wm. Crumpecker Oil Co.

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May All Of You  
Enjoy Good Health,  
Happiness and Prosperity  
During the  
Coming Year.C. L. MALONE  
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# SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

MEMBER  
1937

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI

Entered at the Postoffice at Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, as second-class mail matter, according to act of Congress.

Reading notices, per line . . . 10c  
Blank Statements . . . \$10.00  
Yearly subscription in Scott and the adjoining counties . . . \$2.00  
Yearly subscription elsewhere in the United States . . . \$2.50

Under the mistletoe  
The ugly maiden stood,  
And stood and stood  
And stood and stood.

The Standard was honored Tuesday by a visit from Fred Naeter, editor of the Southeast Missouriian of Cape Girardeau. These Naeter Bros., Fred and George, are the agents with their paper that has really put Cape Girardeau on the map. They and their paper are known throughout the Central West. In talking with Fred he stated that talk of citizens of that city, when the brothers passed on, would be not what they left but what they owed. The same here.

Already propaganda has begun to reach this office favoring the Ludlow referendum amendment to the Constitution providing a vote of the people shall be had before war can be declared. We are against the Ludlow amendment and shall not print any of the bunk favoring it. This bunch of pacifists, or cowards, would stand by and let any nation insult the United States or its citizens and take it. No one wants war at the same time no one but a rank coward favors the Ludlow amendment.

The secretary and visitors under the old age assistance setup have received orders not to investigate any more old age applicants for sixty days and to devote their time to investigate those now receiving old age assistance with the view of dropping those who have children who can assist them or have any sort of income from any source.

With all our heart we hope Henry Ford wins out in his fight against the National Labor Board who ordered him to reinstate 29 laborers in his plant and give them each full pay for the time they have been out of the plant. It looks as though the man who owns the business, pays the bills, should have the right to fire all trouble makers when he pleases and hire such help as he pleases.

At last the guarantee is made that Sikeston is to have the Armory and Municipal Building. The Board of Public Works and the Mayor and Council in special session Wednesday evening went on record as backing the sponsors share, C. L. Blanton, Jr., of the

WPA is ready now to assign the labor for the building. A Municipal Building has long been needed in Sikeston and when this building is completed Sikeston will be able to accommodate any convention that might see fit to hold their meetings in this city. We are mighty proud that the Board of Public Works came forward nobly with their guarantee of the sponsors share. Now if the Board of Public Works would have some one of their clerks open the office at 7:00 o'clock in the morning and another clerk remain on duty until 6:00 o'clock in the evening it would accommodate many patrons who are unable to be in the light office during the hours now in force.

## Miss Lorraine Darby of Dexter Is Wed To Eugene Broyles

The wedding of Miss Lorraine Darby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Darby of Dexter, and Eugene H. Broyles, son of R. S. Broyles of Maryville, Mo., was solemnized at the First Methodist Church of Dexter at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, by the Rev. Fred Statler, pastor of the church. The church was beautifully decorated with greenery, candles and white mums.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of floor length deep blue chiffon with a wide girdle of crystal beads. Her veil of illusion, in matching blue was caught to her hair with a small cluster of forget-me-nots, and she carried a prayer book with sprays of valley lilies caught in narrow white ribbon.

Miss Dorothy Cook of Poplar Bluff was maid of honor. She was gowned in dusty pink satin and carried white gardenias.

Little Carolyn Groves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Groves of Sikeston was ring bearer and wore a long frock of poudre blue taffeta.

Ford Bradley, Poplar Bluff served as best man and ushers were Marion F. Darby, Dexter, Landon Brown of St. Charles, Paul Taubert and W. C. Whittle of Sikeston.

Following a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Broyles left for a honeymoon in New Orleans and other points in the south.

Those from Sikeston who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taubert, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whittle, Mrs. Ernest Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Groves and daughter Carolyn, Miss Elizabeth Emory, Miss Lucille Stubblefield and Mrs. Sam Reese of Houston, Tex.

## GWALTNEY-PULLEN

Fred Lee Gwaltney and Miss Grace Lee Pullen were united in marriage Friday evening, December 24, 8 o'clock, by the Rev. J. T. Self at his residence on North Kingshighway. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Manley were the only attendants.

Mrs. Gwaltney is employed at the Sikeston Laundry while Mr. Gwaltney is an employee at the local International Shoe factory. They will reside in the Burks apartment at 111 Trotter Street.

John Touey of Monette, Ark., visited relatives here, Mrs. Sophia Edmondson and family, Christmas Day.

## Desloge Man Abducted, Shot While Escaping in Arkansas

Details of a harrowing 175-mile journey with two armed desperadoes were related to the Highway Patrol here Tuesday by Kelly Robertson, 47, Desloge automobile salesman, who was kidnapped by the men he had given a ride in Flat River and escaped from them near Piggott, Ark., after being shot three times.

The desperadoes fled in Robertson's car after the salesman, wounded once in the right hand and twice in the left leg, scrambled through a deep ditch and eluded his pursuers in a fog-blanketed cotton field.

Robertson said he gave the two men a ride in Flat River. Once out of the city, headed toward Desloge, the pair suddenly shoved guns at him and demanded \$50. He had only \$4, so they commanded him to write them two checks, one for \$10 and another for \$20. Then they told him he had to drive them as far south as Farmington.

Robertson complied, but at Farmington they told him to keep driving. The car continued southward on Highway 61 through Sikeston. Just south of the city the kidnappers blindfolded the captive and one of them took the wheel. The automobile evidently left Highway 61 at Hayti, taking Highway 84 west. Near Kennett the men removed the blindfold and compelled Robertson to drive them through Kennett and into Arkansas for a mile and a half, where they stopped around 4 a. m. Tuesday.

At this point the two said they were going to kill the Desloge man. They ordered him out of the car and told him to take off his clothes. In the act of removing his overcoat, with the desperadoes standing guard, Robertson suddenly threw the coat over one of the men, knocking him partly into the open door of the car, and just as quickly he hit the other man with his fist, knocking him down.

Then, amid a hail of bullets, he ran for a deep ditch. Struck three times, Robertson floundered through the ditch and hid in the cotton field. For a few minutes the gunmen searched for him and then he heard the car drive off. He staggered to a nearby farmhouse and was brought to Kennett for treatment by Earl Webb and Ernest Gibbs of Rector, Ark.

During the trip, the men stopped at a roadhouse along the way and a waitress called one of the men by his first name, Robertson said.

Robertson had a 1937 Terraplane coach, green color, bearing a Missouri license 164-213. One man, he said, was about 30 years old, 5 feet, 7 inches high, weighed between 135 and 140 pounds, had a dark complexion and was well-dressed. The other was around 21, 5 feet, 10 inches, 165 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, and blue overalls and a blue shirt. He also has Robertson's grey overcoat.

Because the men crossed into Arkansas, federal agents, as well as the Missouri and Arkansas patrols, are pressing the investigation.

## Boom J. V. Conran to Head Young Democrats of State

Prosecuting Attorney J. V. Conran of New Madrid may be the next president of the Young Democratic Clubs of Missouri. Alfred Fleishman, national committee man for the state organization, said Tuesday in St. Louis.

When nominations for the post are made at the annual meeting of the clubs in St. Louis in February, Conran may be chosen unopposed, Fleishman said.

Tex Roberts of Diamond, Mo., is president now.

Fleishman said Conran had support from all sections of the state and that numerous friends among Young Democrats make him the outstanding candidate.

Roy Harper of Caruthersville, chairman of the Tenth District committee which is sponsoring Conran, will manage his campaign.

Conran, 38, was educated in St. Louis. He studied law at the University of Missouri and at the University of Chicago. Upon passing the bar examination in 1924 he began law practice in New Madrid, where his family had long been established among the prominent residents of the county.

He became prosecuting attorney of New Madrid County on January 1, 1930, has been re-elected three times and is now serving his fourth term.

Conran was president of the

Club for four successive terms and was elected chairman of the Tenth District clubs in 1936 and re-elected in 1937. He was a candidate for state president last year but withdrew in favor of Roberts when a fight threatened to disrupt the organization.

## MRS. MAMIE BURKE, VANDUSER, PASSES

Mrs. Mamie Burke, wife of Evan Burke, of the Vanduser community, died suddenly Tuesday of a heart attack at her home. Prior to her death she had not been seriously ill. She was 44 years old.

Mrs. Burke was a member of the Vanduser Methodist Church, where services were held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. D. M. Hargrave. Mr. Burke is connected with the Scott County Farm Bureau.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters; Mrs. Maurice Armstrong and Miss Marjorie Burke, and two sons, Billy and Jack Burke, of Vanduser. Marjorie Burke is a teacher at Blodgett, and Billy Burke is principal at the Vanduser grade school.

## GOOD WILL CLUB

The colored Good Will Club met at the home of Callie Shoats, Monday evening, with a good attendance. After the business session, delicious refreshments were served in the good old Christmas spirit.

The club received donations from several white friends for the Christmas baskets prepared and given to needy members of the colored race, who were George Bell and wife, Mrs. Jack Rivers, Richard Wilkerson and wife, Lulu Sewell and Berry Williams and wife. Also, clothes were given to two small boys and toys to several children. Among the white friends who assisted in the cause were Mrs. G. C. Baker, canned goods, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Presnell, \$5.00, Mrs. M. G. Gresham and Mrs. W. S. Baker, money.

As a whole, the club wants to thank one and all for donations during the past year and wish them a Prosperous and Happy

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## Postoffice Business to New Peak During Holiday Season

"The biggest Christmas we've ever had," is the word from Randall Wilson, assistant postmaster, who was summing up the big rush of last week.

From Monday through Friday, the Sikeston postoffice handled 50,000 letters a day for the five days, he said. In contrast, last year for six days before Christmas the letters reached a total of 35,000 to 40,000 per day.

Approximately 105 bags of mail went out each night from the local office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Mr. Wilson said. This converts only mail taken in here, and not transfers coming in from other points to be shipped to another destination.

Monday night the total was 105, Tuesday night 115 and Wednesday night 80 and 90. Last year, Mr. Wilson said, the total may have gone to 100 on one night before Christmas.

Working for four hours Christmas morning, substitute carriers cleaned up all mail in the office bound for Sikeston homes, leaving nothing left over for the next day.

The time sheet shows that city carriers worked 55 hours overtime during the rush and clerks in the building 102 hours.

So, while the business recession is in sway, the postoffice knows no depression.

## W. F. D. BATJER OF CAPE GIRARDEAU IS KILLED

Wm. F. D. Batjer, 73, former secretary of the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, president of the Rotary Club there and holder of numerous civic posts in the city, was fatally injured Tuesday near Texarkana, Tex., when struck by an automobile as he had stopped to fix the lights of his car.

Mr. Batjer and a daughter, Helen, were en route to Abilene, Tex., to visit relatives. When he came to Cape Girardeau in 1925, Mr. Batjer was secretary-manager of the Southeast Missouri Agriculture Bureau. A son, Robert D. Batjer, of Abilene, also survives. Rites will be at Abilene.

## PROMINENT EDUCATOR, E. M. CARTER, DIES

E. M. Carter, 60, prominent state educator and widely known in this section through his connection with the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College at Cape Girardeau, died suddenly of a stroke at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia.

Mr. Carter has been secretary of the Missouri State Teachers Association since 1915 and prior to that was for five years a field representative of the teachers college. He came to Cape Girardeau from Doniphan, where he was superintendent of schools.

## NEW YEAR'S JOY

We welcome the opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy New Year and the pleasure of thanking everyone for their generous patronage during '37. We are appreciative, and hope you'll do the same during 1938.

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# Personal News of Sikeston

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter, Phones 761w and 137

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gresham had as dinner guests Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. John Powell, Miss Ruth Ward Powell, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baker and three children and Miss Betty Barger.

Mrs. F. M. Sikes went to Charleston Tuesday evening to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Lindsay Brown.

P. C. Hough of Fredericktown was the guest of Charles Allen Cook Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schulte and children spent Saturday and Sunday in Jackson with Mrs. Schulte's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loennecke.

Mrs. John A. Powell of Cuba, Mo., visited her son, John Powell, and family Sunday.

Harry Young visited friends in Memphis Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Tomerlin had as guests on Christmas Day, the latter's father, O. W. Rice of Risco, and sisters, Miss Madge Rice of Memphis, Tenn., and Misses Una and Girene Rice of Cape Girardeau.

Frank Schulte is spending the week in St. Louis, on business. Mrs. Dorothy Lee Waller, Miss Hazel Young, E. R. Putnam and John Wilson spent Wednesday in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wardwell of Norfolk, Va., who are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Sutton, expect to leave for their home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed of Dexter visited Mrs. Ruth Malone and sons Christmas Day. John Ponder and Eddie Noonan were hosts at a dance in the Armory, Tuesday night.

Mrs. C. T. Swanagon had as guests for Christmas, R. L. Thomas and his niece Bonnie Sue Thomas and Mrs. Catherine Trousdale of St. Louis.

Joe Matthews Jr. was host at a holiday dance Tuesday night at his home on North Kingshighway.

A. J. Richstadter returned Sunday after spending several days in St. Joseph, Salisbury and Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. O'Hara of St. Louis spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Hara.

Wilford Click returned Sunday from St. Louis where he visited relatives over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mitchell had as dinner guests Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Melfred Taylor and son, Freddy. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Taylor and Miss Neva Mae Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Waters and family visited in Malden Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCoy Jr. attended the dance at New Madrid, Saturday night.

Mrs. Harry Jones and sons, Bobby and Maurice Allen, of Farmington are visiting Mrs. Elmos Taylor this week.

Ned Tanner is improving after a severe attack of throat trouble.

James Stallcup of Campbell, Mo., and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gregg of Jonesboro, Ark., were guests of Miss Neva Mae Taylor, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Snodgrass and daughter Carol Sue of St. James, Miss Almeda Watts of Steelville and John Watts of Elsinnore, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Watts.

Mrs. R. H. Weltecke and daughter Carolyn, went to Sharon, Tenn., Thursday to spend the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Banks.

Miss Clara Trousdale left Sunday for Jefferson City after a week end visit with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Trousdale.

Mrs. A. Bohnbach and Mrs. Darrell Van Velsor of Chicago, left Tuesday for their homes after spending the past two months as guests of their sister, Mrs. W. Frewerd.

Frank Trousdale returned to Jefferson City Wednesday after spending several days here with his family.

Miss Adajean Bowman was the guest of Miss Hope Smith in Kennett, from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. French had as dinner guests Christmas Eve, the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. French of Charleston and Mrs. Laura Smith, grandmother of Mrs. Chas. French.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Albright of Jackson, Tenn., returned to their home Monday after spending Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. Ed Albright.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Walker and children spent Christmas with relatives in Gary, Ind.

The Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club met with Mrs. Robt. Mow, at her home on North Kingshighway, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd Finley and son of Oklahoma City left for their home Wednesday afternoon visiting with Mrs. Ed Albright over Christmas.

Mrs. George Steel entertained her bridge club Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Blackburn had as dinner guests Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Albright of Jackson, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Syd Finley and son of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Albright and Mrs. Ed Albright of near Bertrand and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cunningham of near Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dye entertained the following at dinner Christmas Day, at their home east of Sikeston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Canoy, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Woods and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Langley.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd Finley, Mrs. Ed Albright, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Albright drove to Cape Girardeau Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dye and Mr. and Mrs. U. Rabb were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Langley, Monday evening.

Mrs. Ed Albright and son Raymond were in Corning, Ark., on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson had as Christmas dinner guests their daughter, Mrs. C. I. Berryhill and children of Marks, Miss. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson and son of Deering, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hudson and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hudson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. George Limbaugh and daughter.

Mrs. C. F. Transue underwent a major operation at the Brandon Hospital in Poplar Bluff Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore returned Tuesday after spending several days in Fulton and Moberly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Johnson have taken one of the Slack apartments on North Kingshighway.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Tatum and Mr. and Mrs. W. Frewerd were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Simon Tuesday evening at a card party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mathis spent Christmas with the former's parents in Poplar Bluff.

Clarence Felker Jr., left Wednesday night for Lexington, Mo., to spend several days with friends before returning to Central College at Fayette.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foley and sons spent Sunday in Cape Girardeau at the home of the former's sister, Miss Esther Foley. Other guests were, Rev. Leo Foley

of Kendrick Seminary and Sister Isabella Marie of Loretta Seminary, St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hirschberg and sons, Donald and Irvin Jr., and little daughter, Crystal Lou, of Chicago, arrived Tuesday to visit the former's brother, Jean Hirschberg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griffith and daughter of Kansas City left Thursday for their home after spending several days with the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Griffith.

Miss Emma Lee Gorjean returned to St. Louis Wednesday afternoon visiting her sister, Mrs. Jean Hirschberg, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Francis left this (Friday) morning to visit relatives in Belle, Mo., over the week end.

H. L. Boaz of Parma came to Sikeston Thursday and accompanied home Mrs. Boaz, who has been at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Conatser, convalescing from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Hirschberg had as dinner guests Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grojean and family of Decatur, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weeks Jr., and daughter of Dexter and Miss Emma Lee Grojean of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Klein motored to Millerville, Sunday and visited with Mrs. Mayfield's brother Renzo Miller and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Werner and sons of University City, spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Werner's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Keady. Mrs. Keady accompanied her daughter and family to St. Louis and entered Barnes Hospital for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heckemeyer went to St. Louis Thursday night to spend the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and George L. Dye expect to leave Tuesday for Miami and other points in Florida to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith returned Tuesday after spending Christmas in St. Louis with their daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Baughman of Olney, Ill., were guests of Mrs. A. J. Goetz, Wednesday night and Thursday morning, en route to their home from Little Rock, Ark.

Gordon Blanton spent Tuesday and Wednesday in St. Louis.

Dr. B. F. Blanton returned home Monday night from Laurel, Miss., where he spent the Christmas holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Larry Hatfield and family.

Lewis Stubbs of San Diego, Calif., is visiting his cousins, John and Sterling Watkins near Vanduser.

Mr. and Mrs. Duree Medley spent Wednesday in Campbell with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Medley. They were accompanied home by Miss Charlotte Mabrey of Little Rock, Ark., who was their guest that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Martin and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tongate will attend the dance at the Halliday Hotel in Cairo tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Matthews of Portageville visited their daughter, Mrs. Leonard McMullin over the week end and until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dickey of Gideon were week end guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Pleas Malcolm and family.

Miss Augusta Lough of Charleston was a Sikeston visitor Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. T. L. Chidester went to St. Louis Sunday and brought his small daughter Barbara to Sikeston where she was met by her uncle, Ed Chidester, who accompanied her to his mother's home in Camden, Ark., Tuesday, for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Bogert of Charleston were dinner guests in the home of their son Gus Martin, Christmas Day. The Sikeston Standard \$2 per year

## Green Greer Dies—

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Milling Co. This was organized with W. C. Bowman and became the Green-Bowman Milling Co. Grant Holley was chief engineer of the mill.

This mill, sold in 1900, was the forerunner of one of the largest mills in the United States. It became the Scott County Milling Co., which is now one of Sikeston's leading industries. While connected with the mill, Mr. Greer named his leading brand of flour "Juanita" after his daughter. This brand is now sold by the Scott County Milling Co. in many states.

In 1905 Mr. Greer joined the staff of the Citizens Bank of Sikeston as stockholder and later became president. At the reorganization of this bank in 1920 it became the Sikeston Trust Co. and Mr. Greer was president of this institution until 1933. At the time of his connection with the Citizens Bank, he also had a partnership in the Stubbs-Greer Motor Co., local Ford agency, with Joe Stubbs, Jr.

For many years Mr. Greer was a member of the Sikeston Board of Education, serving when the first brick school in the city, the South Grade School, was erected. At one time he was also mayor of the city. In 1912, he was nominated unopposed by the Republican party for state auditor but withdrew before the election.

During the World War Mr. Greer was chairman of a Liberty Loan drive in Scott County. In his early life he was one of the leading Republicans of this section.

All his life Mr. Greer was actively connected with the Methodist Church at Sikeston. For many years he was president of the Men's Bible Class of the church and saw its membership grow to more than 300—one of the largest classes in the state. He was a member of the building committee of the church when the present Methodist edifice was erected in 1912 at a cost of \$65,000, and was chairman of the finance committee at the time. He also served as church steward for many years.

On Feb. 23, 1886, Mr. Greer married Miss Alice Moore of Sikeston at the old Methodist Church at Front and Stoddard streets in what is said to be the first church wedding in Sikeston. Mrs. Greer died Sept. 7, 1923.

More than 40 years ago Mr. Greer erected his large home on North Ranney Street and lived there until his death. For the past few years he had been occupied chiefly in looking after his farming interests at the old Greer farm north of the city and

at another farm near Brown's Spur.

In the past September Mr. Greer returned to Caledonia for his first visit in 60 years to renew acquaintances among classmates of the one-time college.

Survivors are a son, G. Moore Greer; a daughter, Mrs. Frank Van Horne; a sister, Mrs. Frank Sikes, and five grandchildren, Bill and Alice Van Horne, and Moore, G. B. and Esther Jane Greer, all of this city.

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## Two Trucks Reported Stolen Recovered by Highway Patrol

The Highway Patrol the past week recovered two stolen trucks in this section.

Wm. Cole, who lives two miles north of town, reported to the patrol Tuesday morning his 1937 G. M. C. pickup truck was stolen from his home sometime the previous night.

The truck was located Tuesday afternoon two miles north and a mile west of McMullin, stripped of three wheels, the distributor and its tools.

Mr. Cole said a member of the family had brought the truck home the night before it was stolen and he did not know if the keys were left in the car. It was not known if the car was driven off or towed away.

The 1935 Ford truck of Leo Nienhaus, proprietor of the Nienhaus Food Store of Front Street which closed its doors recently, was located Friday, standing beside Highway 61 near the Morley spur. The vehicle had been reported stolen by Mr. Nienhaus two weeks previously. A bakery salesman, recognizing the name on the truck and knowing it was missing, told the Highway Patrol.

Mr. Nienhaus reported his truck was stolen in front of a

at another farm near Brown's Spur.

In the past September Mr. Greer returned to Caledonia for his first visit in 60 years to renew acquaintances among classmates of the one-time college.

Survivors are a son, G. Moore Greer; a daughter, Mrs. Frank Van Horne; a sister, Mrs. Frank Sikes, and five grandchildren, Bill and Alice Van Horne, and Moore, G. B. and Esther Jane Greer, all of this city.

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## New Madrid County Farm Bureau News

Haubolds and Twittys win certificates of awards and cash prize. Mr. and Mrs. John Haubold of Marston, county winners in the landowner division and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Twitty, county winners, and third place winners in the state, in The Commercial Appeal's 1937 "Plant to Prosper" contest, attended the annual party given in honor of the winners at Memphis Wednesday, along with County Agent Broom and Mrs. Broom, at which time they were presented with the "certificate of award", and the Twittys received a cash prize of \$50.00 as third place state winners in the tenant division.

Both families were enthusiastic in their appraisal of the program and what the contest had meant to them. They are already beginning their plans for 1938 and their goal is a first place next year.

The morning program started with the Farm Forum at 9:15, at which time the contestants heard I. W. Duggan, Acting Director of the AAA; J. W. Willis, Associate Economist of the University of Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture, and Dan H. Otis of Madison, Wisconsin, Director of the Agricultural Commission for the American Bankers Association discuss the needs of American farmers today. All three speakers were in agreement on the need for soil conservation and a human conservation.

Mr. Duggan particularly stressed conservation and development of the soil resources; conservation and development of the human resources; the growth of sufficient food and feed to meet requirements of the family and livestock; the development of new uses for cotton; and the development of a program for cotton which over a period of years, will give the greatest possible revenue. Otis and Willis particularly stressed self-sufficiency within the farm and the need for conserving the soil.

The winners were given a luncheon at the Claridge followed by a tour of the city, seeing the main points of interest. One of the things that attracted the attention of everyone was a visit to the "Pink Palace". The "Pink Palace" was to have been a million dollar home of Clarence Saunders. However, it was never completed, work being stopped after some \$800,000 had been spent. The building is now owned by the city and used for a museum. Another point of interest in the tour was a visit through the Commercial Appeal's plant. It was pretty difficult for the guides to keep the visitors moving when they reached the room in which the Sunday's edition of the comics was being "put up". Following the visit through the Appeal Plant the tour proceeded to Loew's State Theater where all were guests of the management to a theater party. The hour of the big event arrived, beginning with a banquet at 6:15 followed by the awarding of certificates to all county and state winners, cash prizes and trophies to the state and sweepstakes winners.

The distribution of the awards for each state were made by State Extension Directors or Agent. C. C. Hearne, State Extension Director for the district of Southeast Missouri made the Missouri awards.

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO OWN A HOME OF YOUR OWN

1938 will be another year of active home-building. C. S. Bennett, St. Louis manager of the Home Owners Catalogs division of F. W. Dodge Corporation, looks to the new year for a construction volume of more than 475 million dollars in homes to be occupied by the owners.

"The housing needs of about 65,000 families will be accommodated during 1938 in the homes they will build for themselves," Mr. Bennett comments. "The continuation of this year's interest in home owning clearly shows the healthy trend of The Great American Family toward better homes for better living."

In a grouping of all types of family dwelling units, the Dodge corporation estimates that approximately 210,000 will be built during 1938. This includes apartments, two-family houses, developments, houses for owners' occupancy and those built for sale or rent. All of this work will cost more than a billion dollars.

Families planning to build their own homes, in this vicinity, may obtain personal copies of Home Owners' Catalogs, a guide to the selection of home building materials, equipment and furnishings, without cost or any other obligation. This book is not offered for sale and the publishers restrict the distribution to the families who need it most, at this time. It is available to all those who will build homes within twelve months, for their own occupancy, east of the Rockies, at costs of more than \$4,000 exclusive of land. Readers of The Siketon Standard who qualify can secure their copies by writing to the publishers, F. W. Dodge Corporation, St. Louis, Mo., giving such information about their new homes as location, cost, short description and architect's name. The books will be sent postage-paid.

### THANK YOU

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marsh desire to express their gratitude to the Siketon Fire Department for their prompt and efficient services in extinguishing the fire in their home Sunday.

—Dr. Drace, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Siketon every Thursday. Glasses fitted. tf

## CONGRATULATIONS!



WILLIAM C. HANDY may well claim title to the term "Father of the Blues." As composer of "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues," "Beale Street Blues" and other folkish American music, he created a pattern from which jazz and swing music derive.

Now, nearly a quarter of a century after "St. Louis Blues" was composed, a symphonic arrangement has been completed after five years work, and the plaintive negro melody may soon take its place on American concert programs—complete piece, perhaps, to Dvorak's "New World Symphony."

Handy continues to win honors for the work. Recently the St. Louis Music Association and the National Association of Negro Musicians presented him with a plaque for his composition. Handy is a high ranking member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, (ASCAP), the organization which protects the performing rights of America's creators of music.

The high honors heaped upon the "St. Louis Blues" were not predictable when it was composed in 1913. Handy, a native of Florence, Alabama, conceived the idea for his indigo tribute to St. Louis ten years before it was written. Strolling along the river front of the city looking for a job, he heard the melancholy chants of negro levee workers. He needed money to complete his education for the ministry. He got

Little Rock, Ark., who have the guest of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox, the past two weeks will leave Sunday for their home.

S. B. Hardwick Jr., a junior Cadet at West Point Military Academy, spent Christmas with his parents in Bertrand.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowles of Brookfield, Mo., are guests in the home of their son, V. L. Bowles, until after the holidays.

Mrs. Jack Bowman visited relatives in Perry, Mo., over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Malone of St. Louis came Saturday to spend Christmas in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Baker. They returned home Sunday evening accompanied by their baby son who had visited his grandparents the previous week. Mrs. W. S. Baker and son Billy, who had been in St. Louis for two weeks, where the latter underwent throat and eye operations, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Malone to Siketon Friday evening.

Mrs. Viola Dixon of Poplar Bluff was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bess, Friday evening. Mrs. Kathleen Loeb of Birmingham, Ala., is expected this week to visit her aunt, Mrs. Lyman Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bess and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moore in Morley, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Farmer and son of Charleston were dinner guests of Mrs. Farmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bowman, Christmas Day.

Paul Brewer Jr. entertained with a dancing party at his home Wednesday evening. Ora Gertrude Giltz of Charleston will be an out-of-town guest at the party.

Miss Hita Clymer, a student at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, will spend Thursday and Friday here with her mother, Mrs. Walter Clymer. She will be accompanied by Miss John Yancy, also a student at the Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Boyce had as guests over the week end, the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Green of Anna, Ill.

Mrs. Paul Brewer entertained her bridge club Monday night.

Miss Margaret Harris entertained with a bridge party Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. C. Barrett on North Kingshighway.

Charles A. Vandivort of Cape Girardeau was the guest of Miss Lillian Rita Derris Christmas Day.

Joe McCord and Jerome Fox accompanied Edgar Woodward who had been the former's guests for a week, to his home in Webster Groves Friday. They were accompanied by Miss Adella McCord who went to Indiana to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steele and family near Attica, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stevenson at Danville and friends at Oxford.

Mrs. Anna Ancell had as dinner guests Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Yowell and family of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ancell of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Waggoner and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ancell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ancell, Leon and Harold Ancell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton of Chaffee spent Christmas with

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the former's mother, Mrs. G. R. Harper and sister, Mrs. Shirley Bloomfield.

Fay King of Memphis was the guest of Jerome Fox the first of this week.

Paul Galloway of West Plains spent several days of last week with Mrs. Galloway at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Morrison.

Mrs. Mattie Bennett of St. Louis arrived Thursday of last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Lige Inman.

A group of ladies of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. T. M. Solomon Tuesday afternoon for Bible study and prayer meeting.

**Horse Falls Dead When Auctioneer Gets \$80 Bid**  
Humboldt, Ia., Dec. 23.—A pub-

lic auction was being held at the Gottlieb Hanselman farm near here.

"How much am I offered for this fine horse?" cried the auctioneer.

"Seventy-five dollars," came a reply.

"I'm bid \$75, do I hear \$80?" "Eighty dollars." The horse dropped dead.

The Siketon Standard \$2 per year

## Personal News of Siketon

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter, Phones 761w and 137

Miss Eleanor Harty was hostess at a spaghetti supper at her home on North Park Avenue, Monday evening, in compliment to her house guests, Miss Catherine Porter of Atlanta, Ga. and Miss Betty Graves of Memphis, Tenn., who left Wednesday for their homes. Miss Alice Darnell of Richmond, Mo., and Miss Emily Weber of Bloomfield were other out-of-town guests.

Miss Emily Weber of Bloomfield was the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Sikes Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox entertained with a family dinner Sunday, in their home on Southwest Street. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Pancoast of Little Rock, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. J. F.

Cox Jr. and son of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matthews and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bowman and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sikes will have as guests over New Years, Mr. and Mrs. Warren T. Kingsbury and daughter Carol, of Webster Groves, Mo., William Kingsbury of Nashville, Tenn., and Jere Kingsbury of Caruthersville.

Among those from Siketon who attended the dance at the Cape Girardeau Country Club, Christmas Night, were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harty, their daughter Miss Eleanor and son Harry Jr., Miss Olga Matthews, Edward Matthews, William Corrigan and David Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Pancoast of

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# PROSPERITY NOTES

(Compiled by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State.)

The Agriculture Department estimates this year's cash income of farmers to be \$8,500,000,000 compared with \$7,920,000,000 last year. The figures represent the aggregate cash income from 78 crops, livestock and livestock products, and Governor soil conservation and benefit payments. Crops brought in \$3,840,000,000, compared with \$3,462,000,000 last year. Livestock and livestock products were responsible for \$4,280,000,000, against \$4,171,000,000 a year ago. Government payments aggregated \$380,000,000. They were \$287,000,000 in 1936.

A total of 1,195,091 pounds of tobacco were sold for \$323,395.58 in the first week of the annual auction at Weston, warehouses reported December 18. The average price was \$27.06 a hundred pounds.

Trustees of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation have agreed to grant wage increases totaling \$580,000 a year to employees, who receive less than \$125 a month, beginning March 31.

The National Forest Reservation Commission has authorized the purchase of 11,366 acres of land for additions to government forest units in Missouri. Purchase units, with the area and cost, include Pond Fork, Mo., 4843 acres at \$13.100; Gardner, Mo., 1773 acres at \$4.966; Gasconade, Mo., 4850 acres at \$12.840.

New passenger car sales in 47 states during the first 10 months of this year totaled 3,077,134 units, a gain of 8.1 per cent over the corresponding 1936 period, according to a recent R. L. Polk report. Truck and commercial car sales during the 10 months totaled 552,761 units, 3.7 per cent above the '36 figure.

A total of 679 employees of Stark Bros. Orchard and Nursery Company at Louisiana, Mo., received a Christmas present in the form of a bonus based on wages and salaries since June 1. This was the second bonus to be paid this year, the first being on June 1. Total amount of the two is \$57,521. The Christmas holiday season bonus this year was 20 per cent larger than the one of last December.

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moll received a Christmas gift Christmas Day, a son born to the couple. Mr. Moll is bookkeeper for the the Scott County Milling Co.

## SIKESTON CADETS IN NAVY PICTURE

In the Malone Theatre's Friday night show, "Navy Blue and Gold," starring Lionel Barrymore and Robert Young, scenes taken at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., include shots of cadets among which are Clay Mitchell, Jr., and Harry Harty, Jr., of Sikeston.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

R. S. Rains, minister

Bible School 9:45 a. m. followed by communion and preaching by the pastor. Theme of sermon, "Church Officers and their Duties." At this time special services setting apart the new officers will be conducted and their duties will be outlined.

Junior and Senior Endeavor 6:30 p. m. "The Dead Man of the Road, or Believing a Lie" will be the subject of the evening sermon. A New Year's watch meeting will be held Friday evening at the church. There will be as a part of the program, sermons, reports, refreshments, and a board meeting. Recreational period by the young people.

Chester Mack, who works at the Scott County Democrat and lives in Benton tells us he has certainly had good hunting since the season opened on Nov. 15. Up to Dec. 15, he had gotten 54 'possums and 5 coons. Since Chester works all day he does his hunting at night, in seven nights he caught 28 'possums and 3 coons, and his biggest one night kill (Nov. 18) was 9 'possums, 1 coon and 2 cats. He says he has 62 'possums and five coons at this time. Chester thinks this record would be hard to beat and wants to know if anyone else has a better one. So come on you hunters, let's hear if you can beat this. Illmo Jimicute.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School—9:30 o'clock. Bill Hayden, Superintendent. Morning worship—11:00 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "A Forward March". B. T. U.—6:30 o'clock. Mrs. Jewell Allen, Director. Evening Worship—7:30 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "God's Call to Colors". Rev. E. W. Milner, Pastor.

## CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking friends and neighbors for aid and sympathy in the death of our son and brother, Horace William Miller, who passed away Sunday, December 20, at the home near Blodgett, after a long illness. Their kindness will never be forgotten.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller and family.

Federal approval has been given to an Armory-Community Building project at Warrensburg, Mo. The plans approved by both state and federal WPA offices, call for a building costing more than \$69,000, of which \$10,000 will be provided locally. The basement has been excavated and a part of the concrete foundation poured.

Total new life insurance for the first 11 months of 1937 was 4.9 per cent more than for the corresponding 1936, the Association of Life Insurance Presidents reports. The total for the 11 months this year was \$8,228,115,000, against \$7,946,559,000 for the same period of last year.

A reversal of the declining trend of publicity financed construction was indicated by a 20 per cent increase in expenditures for projects undertaken in November, a survey by F. W. Dodge Corporation, building statisticians, discloses. Contracts from all sources for the month were estimated at \$198,464,600. Contracts for the first 11 months totaled \$2,703,672,400 against \$2,475,600,300 for the like period last year, a gain of 9 per cent, the survey showed.

Music, from a business standpoint, reached an all-time high this year, the Musical Merchandise Industry reports. C. Frederick Martin of Nazareth, Pa., president of the National Association of Musical Merchandise Manufacturers, said the piano accordion had been a business leader. "Reports to me within the past few days indicate that net sales by manufacturers will amount to at least \$4,500,000 for the year," he said. "This is 10 per cent higher than the record set in 1936 and 62.2 per cent ahead of 1933."

Exports of airplanes and airplane equipment from the United States during the first ten months of this year were larger than in any previous complete year, the commerce department announces. The ten months' exports totaled \$31,088,911, compared with \$23,055,761 in all of 1936, the previous record year.

Distribution of 9,000 new WPA jobs allotted to Missouri "to take care of employables laid off because of the industrial recession" has been made by George I. Haworth, state social security administrator.

## FANCY SHIPMENT OF MULES DISPOSED OF

R. D. Clayton says the best load of mules shipped from Sikeston since the World War were shipped Friday afternoon by him to Geo. Clemens of Hopkinsville, Ky. Some of these animals cost as high as \$550 a team.

Mr. Clemens told the Sikeston dealer he will make this territory every week and still wants some of the best mules Missouri has. These mules are to be shipped to Atlanta, Ga., to be resold. There were 25 head in the load Friday. Mr. Clemens says young mules are the best security for the Missouri farmer as they get better where machinery depreciates with age.

Hurschwitt Bros. of Oran sold four mules in this load for \$1000. Tom Scott on Friday sold the largest lot of mules to be sold in many months, disposing of 78 head. They were sold to the Shaffer Mule Co. of Memphis. Mr. Shaffer also suggests buying young mules in this section.

## BAPTISTS TO HAVE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Members of the First Baptist church will enjoy a New Year's party at the church Friday evening, December 31, under the sponsorship of the B. T. U. organizations. Members of the Bowman Union will have charge of the games and social hour which will last until about 10:30 o'clock, while the Brite Union will have charge of the devotional hour from 10:30 until midnight. Members of the Livingston Union have charge of the refreshments.

## SCHOOL TO REOPEN TUESDAY, JAN 4

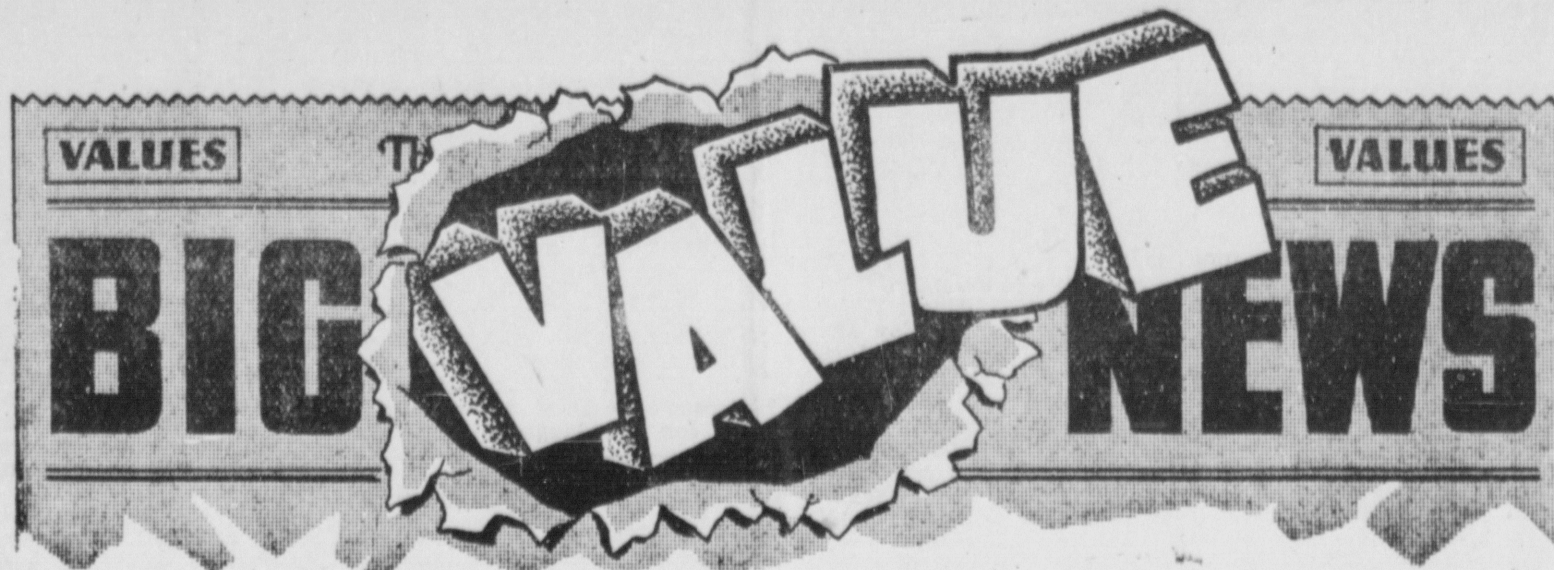
St. Francis Xavier School will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 4, instead of Monday as previously announced, according to Fr. J. J. O'Neill.

N. Bledsoe, on one of the Stallcup farms southwest of Sikeston, was a visitor in The Standard office Friday. We enjoyed his visit very much and found him to be well posted on farming.

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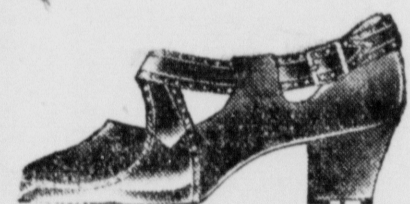
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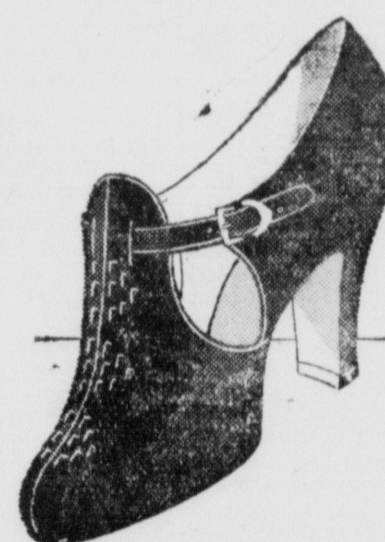


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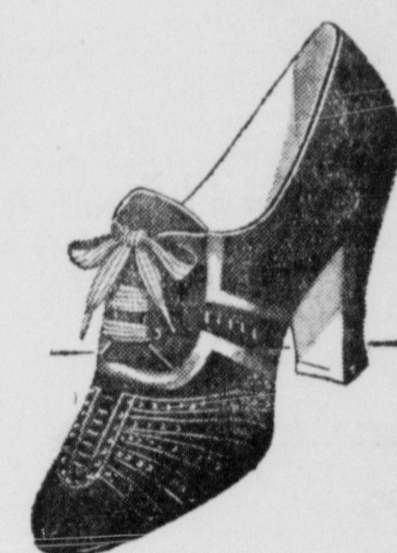
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## Landers Ridge News

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seaton spent the holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. Bishop, of Lilbourn.

Misses Margaret and Mildred Crosso who attended school in Cape Girardeau are spending this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Crosso.

A number of children in this community are confined to their homes with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simmons of Detroit, Mich., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Lawrence and family.

Mrs. Hortense Graham of Farmington spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dalton.

Miss Zelma Kem was the Sunday guest of Misses Margaret and Mildred Crosso.

Jim Minor of Van Buren, Mo., visited friends here the past week. Allard Johnson of Earl, Ark., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wilson Pearson.

Rev. Homer Gunn of Kewanee filled his regular appointment at Landers Ridge Sunday. While here he was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore and family.

Louis Kem and daughter, Zelma, spent Tuesday night in Big Opening visiting, Jody Kem, who is dangerously ill.

We are sorry to report that John Crosso is on the sick list. Mrs. Mamie Johnson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore and family.

Miss Dessie Baker has returned home after an extended visit in Siketon with her aunt, Mrs. Johnnie Taylor.

Mrs. Russell Crosso and daughter spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Crosso's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simons of Bolker-ton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Teuiler and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fletcher and daughter attended the Heuser Reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heuser Sr., of Brown Spur Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witt and family and Mrs. D. Altherton spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Crosso and daughters.

Lois Johnson spent Sunday with Louise Kem.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gray spent the week end with relatives in Gideon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simmons of Detroit, Mich. and Miss Ann Lawrence spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Margaret and Mildred Crosso.

Miss Oleen Hartlein entertained with a party for her friends, Christmas night.

Gypsy Rose told the doctor to vaccinate her where it would not show. So, he vaccinated her sister.



FOR RENT—3-room furnished apt., 1 block from post office, next door M. E. church. 311 N. New Madrid. Phone 507 or 516. tf-27

LOST—Somewhere in Siketon Wednesday afternoon six \$5 bills and balance of \$37 in \$1 bills. If finder will return to The Standard office a liberal reward will be paid.

BEDROOM—For gentleman. Neal Kornegger, 411 Prosperity St. tf-25

FOR RENT—2 light housekeeping rooms. 403 North St. tf-25

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Mrs. Flora Shain, 414 Prosperity. tf-25

FOR RENT—2-room furnished apartment, 240 West Gladys. tf-28

FOR RENT—2 unfurnished rooms. 407 W. Gladys. 1t-28

LOST—Pair of Black shoes Friday. Return to Sutton Bros. and receive reward. 1t-28

FOR RENT—4-room unfurnished apartment. Phone 519. tf-27

FOR RENT—5-room house, bath, lights. Phone 298. 1t-28

For Superior Laundry and Dry Cleaning—Call 846. Valet Cleaners, Siketon. 3t-12

FOR SALE—'36 Chevrolet pick-up truck, good condition. Price \$350.00. Inquire 307 Greer, Siketon. 2t-27

FOR SALE—Forced to sell by Dec. 30 several tons of bundled sagrains and grohoma. J. A. Card, Bell City, Mo. 1t-28

STENOGRAPHIC WORK—Draughon's Business College graduate, complete training in filing. Can give references. Write, P. O. 243, Siketon, Mo. tf

FOR RENT—Unfurnished or partly furnished 2-room house. Call 471 or see Mrs. T. F. Baker, 307 Ruth St. 1t-28

## Alumni Rally Scratches Game From High School Team, 24-23

Lukewarm for three periods, the Siketon Alumni got steaming hot in the final minutes of play against the High School varsity Tuesday night and nosed out the Bulldogs, 24-23.

In winning the Old Grads lived up to the tradition of the past several years of defeating the regulars.

Going into the final period, the High School had what seemed to be a snug of 23-14. As play continued, however, the Bulldogs failed to create the rim and the Alumni dropped in 10 points in the last four minutes of play.

Red Davis of the Old Timers made the shot-heard-round-the-gym. He lopped in the winning basket with less than 30 seconds to go. Previously, within the final minute, Red sank a basket that put the team in shouting distance of victory.

Fox also contributed two field goals in the winning spurt, and Bandy and Holmes annexed free throws.

The Alumni opened with a bang and had the score 7-2 the first quarter. In the second stanza the High School got its stride and held the lead at the intermission,

17-14. It was during the third quarter, though, that the older players got salty. They failed to make a point while the High School made their last points, six of them.

With three field goals and three line tosses apiece, Long and Swaim led the scoring on nine points. Holmes of the winners had two of each to pace his team with six points.

Siketon	FG	FT	PF
Aldridge, f	1	0	4
Sitzes, f	0	0	0
Lambert, f	0	1	2
Swanagon, c	0	0	1
Long, c	3	3	4
Swaim, g	3	3	2
Davis, g	1	0	2

Alumni	FG	FT	PF
Davis, f	2	1	2
Ellis, f	0	0	0
Bandy, f	2	1	3
Corwin, f	0	0	0
Holmes, c	2	2	1
Rayburn, c	0	0	1
McCord, g	1	1	1
Fox, g	2	0	1
Lee, g	0	1	1

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## Miss Genevieve Trousdale Weds Donald Ozment.

The wedding of Miss Genevieve Trousdale, daughter of Mrs. J. R. Trousdale, and Donald Ozment, was solemnized at eight o'clock Christmas Eve in the Methodist Church by Rev. D. D. Ellis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Members of the families and close friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride was gown in dark green velvet with which she wore brown accessories and a corsage of Pinet roses. Miss Clara Trousdale, sister of the bride, was her only attendant and wore black velvet with a corsage of Tallman roses. Mrs. Trousdale was in brown velvet. Her flowers were yellow roses and the groom's mother wore brown crepe with yellow roses.

Dellar Mott served as best man and Mrs. Mott played the wedding march.

The bride received her education in the Siketon schools and for the past seven years has been in the employ of the Missouri State Highway Department. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hez Ozment of Siketon and holds a position with the International Shoe Company here.

The young couple have taken an apartment in the Trousdale home on Kathleen Avenue and will be at home to their friends there after the first of January.

## DR. RUSSELL REPORTS FOR U. S. ARMY DUTY

Dr. Joseph P. Russell, 230 North Ellis street, will go to New York Wednesday to report for duty with the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army. He was recently made a lieutenant in the Medical Corps and will be assigned to the Hawaiian division. After a period of about seven weeks' work in New York he will sail for Hawaii. Mrs. Russell and children, Robert G. and J. P., will join Dr. Russell in New York and accompany him to the islands for his two-year period of service with the Army. Dr. Russell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Russell, 1438 Bessie street, and Mrs. Russell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker, 442 North Frederick street.

Dr. Russell is the nephew of Mrs. J. E. Dover, John and Arch Russell of Siketon.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday a. m., nine o'clock; Sermon Subject: "The Beatitudes." This is the first of a series of sermons on The Sermon on The Mount and Other Teachings of Jesus. These sermons will be given on consecutive Sunday mornings as follows: 1. The Beatitudes, 2. Smitten on One Cheek, Turn the Other, 3. Compelled to Go Surrender Your Coat, Surrender Your Cloak Also, or Compelled to Go to One Mile, Go Two, 4. "If any man come after me hate not his father and his mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters . . . he cannot be my disciple," and 5. If Your Right Eye Offend You Pluck It Out, or If Your Right Hand Offend You Cut It Off.

Sunday evening at 7:30, The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be observed. Sunday School: 10 a. m. Young People's Meeting: 6:30 p. m.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet Monday evening for the monthly Bible study led by Mrs. D. D. Ellis. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mae Martin on Matthews St.

The Ministerial Alliance will meet Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the pastor's study at the Baptist Church. It is important that all pastors be present.

Dorsey D. Ellis, Pres.

## RE-EMPLOYMENT DIRECTOR VISITS SIKESTON OFFICE

Will S. Denim, of Jefferson City, director of the Missouri State Employment Service, was in the local office of the re-employment service in the postoffice building Monday. He was on a tour of this territory.

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## Pleasant Valley News

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark had as their guests Sunday their niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doyle of Granite City, Ill. and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark and family of McMullin.

Miss Mary Bohannon of Siketon spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Bohannon of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller had as their guests Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Whiteside and family. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Standley and Mr. Doss Miller and Mr. Lanley Humphreys of Morley, Mo. and Mrs. Edsel Bradley and daughter of Buckeye and Mr. and Mrs. Ray and son, Noble.

Warwick Miller went to Rock Island, Ill., the first of this week to seek employment.

Miss Vera Shelton of Siketon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shelton during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boardman had as their guests Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dame and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Blake and daughter, Carolyn of Granite City, Ill.

The Christmas program given at the church Friday night was well attended.

Rev. Neil Stewart of the White Oak community filled the pulpit at the church Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stanfill had as their guests during the holidays their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Aud Venable and family of Malden, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stanfill of Hartzell and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Inman and family of Hayti.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Inman had as their guests during the holidays their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laughlin of near Benton.

## STARK BACKS DRIVE ON SOCIAL DISEASE

Jefferson City, Mo., December 27.—Gov. Stark called upon the people of Missouri today to join in a statewide antisocial disease campaign, which, he said, should greatly reduce the number of insanity cases and cut down eleemosynary costs.

In announcing the campaign, the Governor prefaced his remarks by asserting there was "nothing disgraceful about talking about this social disease."

"I would like to urge every citizen of Missouri," Stark said, "to be examined at the earliest possible moment in this great campaign, as a precautionary measure."

Stark said public health figures showed one person out of 10 had the disease, and that a great many persons contracted it innocently.

Dr. Harry F. Parker, State Health Commissioner, joined in the campaign by announcing the Health Department was supplying physicians with drugs, free of charge, for indigents in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

In addition, the department is planning a statewide program for the control of the disease, with "treatment centers" to be established in the larger cities and in 33 rural areas.

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## GREEN GREER WILL FILED IN PROBATE

The will of Green B. Greer, who died Sunday of a heart ailment, was filed in Probate Court at Benton Wednesday afternoon. The farm two miles north of the city, of approximately 1100 acres, including what was known as the Greer Park Addition, was given to his daughter, Mrs. Juanita Van Horne, and another farm at Brown's Spur, of about 1200 acres, to his son, Moore Greer. The land was stipulated to go to the heirs of the beneficiaries after their deaths. City and personal property, which included the old Greer homestead on North Ranney and a lot at Front and Stoddard streets, is to be shared equally by the son and daughter.

## TWO FIGHTING CASES UP IN POLICE COURT

T. J. Randall and Pete Brannum were fined \$8 for fighting Wednesday night and Thursday morning for allegedly staging a fight in the J. C. of C. Park behind the Missouri Pacific depot Wednesday afternoon. The fight started over family affairs, it was told in police court. Brannum's face was somewhat disfigured.

Buddy Schultz, negro, was arrested Wednesday and fined \$8 for fighting when it was charged he struck his girl friend, Pearl Smith, at a tenant cabin in the rear of a North Ranney Street home. Schultz could not pay and was put in jail.

Mrs. R. C. Matthews and Miss Sadie Emory returned Monday from Jefferson City where they had spent Christmas with the former's son, Jas. E. Matthews and family.

Judge and Mrs. Xenophon Caverno and their niece Miss Ellen Caverno, have closed their home near Carolon for two months, and will leave today (Friday) to spend the time in California and Arizona.

Mrs. Chas. Rogers and son Bobby Charles and Miss Bernice Hawkins of Lutesville visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wagner this week.

When a duck sat down on Mrs. Annie Vickers' chimney in Berlin, Md., and caused the house to fill with smoke, a neighbor shot the duck. But the bird fell into the chimney and firemen had to tear out the bricks to remove it. Mrs. Vicks, however, had duck dinner.

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## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WINNERS SELECTED

First prizes in the Christmas home lighting contest of the Junior Chamber of Commerce went to the Otto Hahs home, 415 Dorothy, in the first classification and to the Billy Keith home, 1002 North Kingshighway, in the second class, it was announced by Kendall Sikes.

Other winners in Group 1 were the home of Mrs. Florence Marshall, 258 North Kingshighway, second, and the Harry Hartly home, 616 Park, third. In Group 2, Earl Allen home, 516 New, second, and home of Mrs. Nell Matthews, 305 North Kingshighway.

Honorable mention were the homes of L. H. Shivel, 810 North Ranney, and Lyman Bowman, 214 North Scott.

Judges also wished to compliment the decorations at the Miss Camille Klein and Lynn Stallcup homes, which were not entered.

Judging was done on the night of Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wagner and children were dinner guests of Mr. Mrs. E. P. Jones in Lutesville, Christmas Day.

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—Dr. Drace, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Siketon every Thursday. Glasses fitted. tf